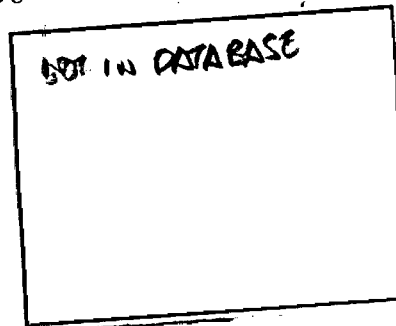


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July 22, 1998

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Mr. Steven M. Eidelman
15 Turnham Court
Gaithersburg MD 20878



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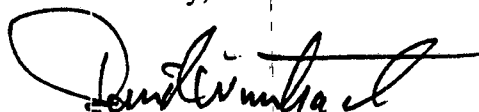
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**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

June 1, 1994

O. James Lighthizer
Secretary
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RE: Contract No. M 528-201-371
MD 124 - from MD 28 to Long Draft Road
Contract No. M 528-202-371
MD 28 - (Darnestown Road) from
Riffleford Road to Key West Avenue
Contract No. M 528-203-371
MD 28 - (Key West Avenue) from Gude
Drive to I-270
in Montgomery County, Maryland
Design Change and Final Review
Reevaluation

Mr. A. Porter Barrows
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
The Rotunda - Suite 220
711 West 40th Street
Baltimore MD 21211

ATTN: Mr. David Lawton

Dear Mr. Barrows:

The environmental consequences of improvements associated with MD 28 and MD 124 in Montgomery County have been reviewed and reevaluated for consistency with the MD 28: I-270 to Jones Lane Final Environmental Impact Statement/Section 4(f) Statement (FEIS/4(f), Report No. FHWA-MD-EIS87-02-F), which received location approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on July 19, 1988. Design approval was granted by this Administration on September 20, 1988.

This project was divided into two segments in the FEIS (See Figure 1). Segment 1 included MD 28 (Darnestown Road) from Riffleford Road to Key West Avenue and MD 124 from MD 28 to Long Draft Road; Segment 2 consisted of Key West Avenue from its inception at MD 28 (Darnestown Road) to I-270. See Figure 1. Part of Segment 2, Key West Avenue from MD 28 (Darnestown Road) to Gude Drive, was partially built by Montgomery County and varies from four lanes to six lanes. The portion between Shady Grove Road to 1600 feet west of Gude Drive was built to four lanes with a 50 foot median which will allow the third lane in each direction to be added in the median by SHA as part of this project.

Although shown on the Study Area figure of the FEIS, existing MD 28 from Key West Avenue to I-270 was not part of the project.

My telephone number is 410-333-1110

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech
1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free

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extended approximately 1000 feet to add third lanes in each direction in the median. 9

IV. AIR AND NOISE STUDIES

A detailed air quality analysis was completed as part of the FEIS documentation. The results of this analysis indicated that no violations of the State and National Ambient Air Quality Standards for carbon monoxide would occur in the design year 2015 or the estimated year of completion of 1995 for the selected alternative.

A noise impact analysis was conducted as part of the FEIS documentation. A noise barrier study was recommended for the Stonebridge Community area in the Environmental Considerations and Compliance Checklists. A Noise Reevaluation for this area concluded that a barrier was reasonable and feasible in the Stonebridge Community location (NSA #15). The option of placing a barrier on the existing berm would interfere with an early commitment by SHA to not encroach upon the community's earth berm. The option of constructing a barrier between the sidewalk and the berm would create a safety problem to pedestrians if errant traffic should leave the roadway. The SHA Administrator decided not to include the barrier in construction plans. No other noise abatement was recommended in the Noise Reevaluation.

A Noise Reevaluation is currently being conducted for the MD 124 portion of this project.

V. NATURAL ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

The addition of stormwater management ponds to the Key West Avenue project requires the acquisition of 2.03 acres at pond #1 and 2.68 acres at pond #2 both on the Thomas farm. The addition of stormwater management ponds to the MD 124 part of Segment 1 requires .75 acres-for-pond-A, one acre for each of the other ponds.

Coordination with the State Forester for impact to ten acres of forested area along MD 124 was undertaken for the six-lane plans. A reduction of impact is expected with the proposed four-lane plans. Coordination with the State Forester for impact to 4.6 acres of forested area on Segment 2's new alignment section was also undertaken.

Wetland impacts for the MD 28 (Darnestown Road) project will be determined at a later stage of project development. However, it is expected that with the 4-lane design the impacts will be reduced. Wetland impacts for the MD 124 project will be determined following the upcoming (June) field review with permitting agencies. Wetland impacts in the MD 28 (Key West Avenue) project will be 5200 sq. ft. This is a .02 acre increase from the 0.36 acre (by 1987 Manual standards) from the FEIS which stated the impact to be 0.2 acre for the entire Segment 2. It is no change to the wetland impact of the P.I. plans which shifted



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August 17, 1998

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Mr. Eric A. Eisen
President
Wildwood Hills Citizens Association
10028 Woodhill Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Eisen:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding advancement of construction funding for the Wildwood community noise barriers. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

During the development process of the Consolidated Transportation Program for the period covering FY 1999-2004, we will explore opportunities to advance the funding for the construction of these and other approved sound barriers. That process will begin in September and will consist of meetings in each county to discuss the overall transportation needs and priorities. As we visit around the State and our financial situation becomes clearer, we will strongly consider your request to advance the funding for these barriers.

Thank you again for your interest in our Sound Barrier Program. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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August 4, 1998

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The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Governor
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

We are in receipt an follow up on a copy of a letter that our senator Jean Roesser sent to you concerning the scheduling of construction of sound barriers in our neighborhood, Wildwood Hills. Senator Roesser notes that she has worked on this issue since 1995 and her predecessor worked on it before her. You may wish to know that my neighbors have been seeking this relief since the early 1980's, and that the highest turnover in home ownership and the lowest prices for homes is on the street bordering I-270. When the Levy's, during your press conference in their back yard that I was privileged to attend, talked about the noise level on their home videos, I was reminded about a story a since-departed neighbor related to me of watching car after car pull up to his home during an open-house, seeing the occupants open the car doors, get out, and then get back in without even bothering to walk to the front door. The indescribable omnipresence of the road noise simply blocked all interest in my neighbor's home and in the neighborhood.

I-270 borders covers roughly 1/4 of the perimeter of our neighborhood. It would be a wonderful thing indeed if the ever-increasing noise from that road --it has gotten worse since your press conference-- could be blocked before the millennium. Accordingly, I respectfully ask you on behalf of our homeowners to consider Senator Roesser's request and do what is in your power to accelerate the construction schedule for our sound barriers.

Sincerely,


Eric A. Eisen
President

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Subject: NOISE BARRIERS

Description: Supports funding for noise barriers. (Wildwood Hills)

Agency: MDOT

UNIT: DSI

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March 3, 1998

Eric A. Eisen, President
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Dear Mr. Eisen:

Thank you for your recent letter, as well as your active support for a sound barrier for the Wildwood Hills community. I appreciated your patience while we considered your community's request for noise abatement.

It is my pleasure to let you know that I have approved funding for a much needed sound barrier for Wildwood Hills which will enhance the quality of life for you and your neighbors. State Highway Administration (SHA) staff will begin to design the barrier soon, and I have asked them to keep the community informed and involved as the design proceeds.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's sound barrier program. I appreciate hearing from you and I am pleased to have been able to provide funding for this project. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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Assign Date : 1/6/1998

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Subject : SOUND BARRIER REQUES Description : Supports funding for noise barriers in the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 98.

Agency : **DBPM**

Unit : DSI

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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
MDOT - SHERRY VARNER - MS 255
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 01/28/98 /slv SERIAL#: 7851

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 01/28/98

FROM: Eisen, Eric 01/06/98

RE: SUPPORTS FUNDING FOR NOISE BARRIERS IN THE CAPITAL RESPOND BY: 02/03/98
IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FY 98

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From: Philip Troll
To: SHAADM.CDeBakey
Date: January 23, 1998 (Friday) 11:42am
Subject: #7810 -- THE ERIC EISEN LETTER -- PROPOSED RESPONSE

Morning Claire,

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In regards to our conversation yesterday concerning a response to Eric Eisen (His community will most probably be involved in a PNG announcement next week). You had mentioned the possibility of E-mailing him a quick response now to cover our obligation to the correspondence. How is the attached?

If we do E-mail him, should the E-mail originate from the Front Office, so it shows the appropriate 'Halls of Power' stamp on the header?

Thanks,
Philip

CC: IRENE, SHARON, JIM, PHRED

From: Claire DeBakey
To: SHADGN(PTroll)
Date: January 23, 1998 (Friday) 2:41pm
Subject: #7810 -- THE ERIC EISEN LETTER -- PROPOSED RESPONSE -Reply 22

Philip,

Jim tells me that this is not the correct response, and that he will work with you on what to say.

Re. use of internet to respond: all sound barrier inquiries that are not addressed specifically to Charlie himself are to be for Parker's signature--until the Gov starts announcing barriers, at which time the "good news" letters will be for the Gov's signature. This means, on an internet inquiry, that the internet response will be sent out from the administrator's office.

What you can send out from OED on the internet, however, is an interim "phone call" message that thanks the person for the inquiry, lets them know that a response is being prepared on the Gov's behalf, which they should receive within X time period. [For internet inquiries, assume "X" = several working days--though we are shooting for a 24-hr. turnaround from the moment we receive the work order from MDOT until the time Parker's office sends the response back out over the wires If we meet our 24-hour target, the constituent should be pleasantly surprised to receive something early.]

If you send an interim internet message such as this, please print out a copy and send it up with the draft of the substantive response, in the yellow file.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks for your help,

Claire

From: Philip Troll
To: JIM, FRED, IRENE, SHARON
Date: January 23, 1998 (Friday) 5:27pm
Subject: #7810 (Interim) -- THE ERIC EISEN LETTER -- PROPOSED RESPONSE

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What follows is a proposed E-mail response to Eric Eisens letter.

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Mr. Eric A. Eisen
President
Wildwood Hills Citizens Association
10028 Woodhill Road
Bethesda MD 20817
-- OR --
eisenlaw@erols.com

Dear Mr. Eisen:

Thank you for your recent internet message to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Wildwood Hills community. This message is to acknowledge that your inquiry has been forwarded to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Office of Environmental Design. We are researching your inquiry and you shall receive a response within two weeks.

Thank you again for message and also for your continued patience. We appreciate hearing from you and on behalf of the Governor, we also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design for the State Highway Administration. Mr. Adams may be reached at 410-545-8640, or toll-free in Maryland at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,
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February 26, 1998

Mr. Richard Ely
9221 Winding Way
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Mr. Ely:

Thank you for your interest in the sound barriers for the Columbia Hills community. It is my pleasure to let you know I have approved funding for a much needed sound barrier for the community which will enhance the quality of life for you and your neighbors. The State Highway Administration (SHA) staff has already begun the detailed design engineering required for the barrier. Funding for the construction of this sound barrier will be available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001 and, as the design portion of this project is completed, the Maryland Department of Transportation will explore if construction can be advanced.

Thank you for your patience and your interest in the State's sound barrier program. I am pleased to have been able to provide funding for this much needed project. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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From: Charles Adams
To: PTholl
Date: January 29, 1998 (Thursday) 5:04pm
Subject: Columbia Hills

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Please prepare a good news letter to Mr. Richard Ely from PNG indicating that funding for the Columbia Hills barrier is approved. Also, indicate that design is underway, funding for construction beginning in fiscal year 2001 and as design is completed MDOT will be looking to identify how construction can be advanced.

Thanks

Charlie

CC: JHade

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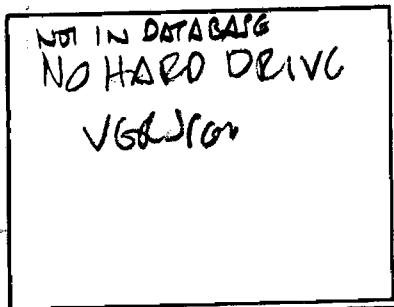
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August 12, 1998

Ms. Vivian Engel
7506 Glenn Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Engel:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting information about the State's Sound Barrier Program. In regards to our telephone call today, enclosed is a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy as well as the State Highway Administration's Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide for your information.

Thank you again for your interest. It was a pleasure to talk to you. If you should need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely

Natalie Hardy
Special Assistant to the Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosures

cc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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November 13, 1998

Mr. Russell L. Faulkner
8517 Valleyfield Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

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Sincerely,

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June 25, 1998

Mr. Russell L. Faulkner
8517 Valleyfield Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. I appreciate this opportunity to update you on the subject of noise abatement for this community.

A number of people in the community have written letters with a variety of questions. At the June 8 public meeting, a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to provide answers to the questions raised. This information is currently being gathered to respond to those requests, including yours. A response will be forwarded to you within the next several weeks.

Thank you again for your interest in our Sound Barrier Program. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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November 13, 1998

Ms. Willette E. Faulkner
8517 Valleyfield Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Ms. Faulkner:

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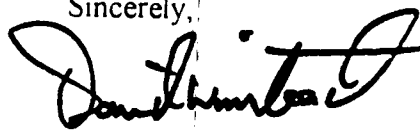
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Ms. Cynthia H. Feeley
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Lutherville MD 21093

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Dear Ms. Feeley:

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June 29, 1998

Ms. Cindy Feeley
8511 Tallwood Road
Lutherville MD 21093

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Sincerely,

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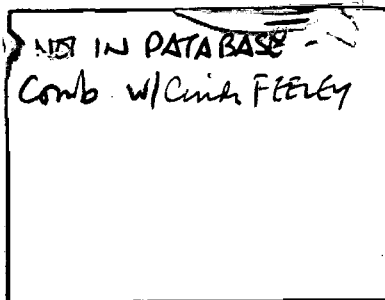
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July 9, 1998

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Dr. Margaret Fine
Box #2274
Greenspring Valley Road
Baltimore MD 21203

Dear Dr. Fine:

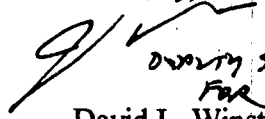
Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding your request for a sound barrier to reduce noise at your home and several other concerns with the State's use of your property. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf

In regard to highway workers trespassing on your property, the State Highway Administration (SHA) will take immediate action to prevent this from happening again. This is unacceptable to us, and I am sorry about the difficulty you have experienced. If you have further problems of this nature, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Dan Witt, SHA's Area Engineer for the widening project, at 410-321-2825, or Ms. Linda Singer, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, at 410-321-2812, either of whom can be reached at 1-800-962-3077.

I appreciate your concern about highway noise, and I would like to update you on the status of a barrier for your area. SHA is making a final review of your request to determine whether the requirements for a sound barrier are met. I expect them to have the results soon, and once a determination has been made, staff at SHA will contact you with the results.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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DAVID L. WINSTEAD
FOR
David L. Winstead
Secretary

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Drafted by: Jim Hade, OED/LAD/NAT -- 6/30/98

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January 6, 1998

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Mr. Alan B. Fischler, Esq.
7315 Wisconsin Avenue
Suite 601 North
Bethesda MD 20814

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Dear Mr. Fischler:

Thank you for your recent letters on behalf of Mr. Donald S. Berlin, to Governor Glendening, State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams and me, requesting funding for a sound barrier on I-495 in the vicinity of the Bradley Boulevard community, be included in the 1998 Capital Program Budget. The Governor and Administrator Williams asked me to respond on their behalf.

Funding decisions for highway improvements, including sound barriers, are made annually and are presented in the Department's Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP). This document includes planned improvements over a six-year period and is finalized each January. The next update of the CTP for the years 1998-2003 is in the final stage of preparation. The funding needs for new sound barriers are being evaluated as the CTP is completed. Please be assured that we are aware of Mr. Berlin's and your interest and desire for funding of a sound barrier for the Longwood community. This, together with our overall transportation needs and the availability of funds will be considered as funding decisions for the final CTP are made.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Donald S. Berlin
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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- December 22, 1997

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P.O. Box 8755
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International Airport, Maryland 21240***cc: John Porcari
Leslie Frelow***Re: Noise Barriers – Bradley Blvd. to west of Greentree Rd.,
on the Inner Loop of I-495 at the I-270 Spur,
Bethesda, Maryland – 16th District****Dear Secretary Winstead:**

I write on behalf of Mr. Donald S. Berlin, a long-time resident of 7217 Longwood Drive, Bethesda, Maryland, whose home is circled on the attached map for your reference. This letter is in further support of the requests made by the District 16 delegation, (Sen. Brian E. Frosh, Del. Gilbert J. Gann, Del. Marilyn Goldwater and Del. Nancy K. Kopp) and the Bradley Boulevard Citizens Association for inclusion of funding in the Department's 1998 Capital Improvement Budget for installation of noise barriers previously determined eligible at the inner loop of I-495 at the I-270 Spur, from Bradley Boulevard to just west of Greentree Road in Bethesda, (also shown on the attached map).

I have been asked to bring to your attention the history and particular state of facts as related by Mr. Berlin, which we believe highlights the need for construction of noise barriers for the described segment as a top priority by your department under this program.

In 1956, Mr. Berlin purchased a 3/4 acre parcel of land on Longwood Drive on which to build his "dream home" for his wife and family. At that time, he was unaware that the Beltway was to be built through his property and, indeed, there existed a "moratorium" on public disclosure of information as to precisely where the Beltway was to be built. Thereafter, Mr. Berlin built his present home on the property.

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Years after he and his family moved into their new home, Mr. Berlin was advised by state officials that the Beltway was to be constructed through his property and, accordingly, an approximate 1/4 acre was to be "taken" by the state for such construction. That state action transformed this relatively rural 3/4 acre property, with its newly constructed home, into a 1/2 acre parcel whose backyard directly abutted the newly constructed Beltway which opened in or about 1963.

Further, this segment of Longwood Drive abutted a portion of the Beltway which consisted of a particularly harrowing curve in the road, as well as a bridge, all of which led to countless accidents which would be heard and sometimes even seen by members of Mr. Berlin's family, including his three young children. In fact, due to the Beltway having become virtually part of their property, not only did ever-present noise from the highway become a problem, but members of this family, including the children, would actually hear and sometimes witness accidents taking place. At times, this involved hearing the blood-curdling screams of accident victims, either trapped in their automobiles or otherwise seriously injured, while also observing various gruesome details of accidents which had just occurred. In fact, one unfortunate family "responsibility" became the regular reporting of these accidents, immediately after their occurrence, to local emergency rescue officials who, after a time, no longer needed information as to the location of the accident but simply knew to respond when receiving a call from a member of the Berlin family. The lasting effect of living under such circumstances and, for the children, growing up under these conditions, cannot be fully described or appreciated, but they are real.

While the ensuing years brought many improvements to the dangerous curve in this stretch of roadway and subsequently, to the bridge, further developments also greatly increased the traffic, causing overpowering noise levels to be heard both in the rear and front of this and other homes situated on Longwood Drive. As you know, in contrast to its initial configuration when opened in 1963, this particular segment has since become 12 lanes of heavily used highway, with the confluence of the Beltway

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and I-270, together with off-ramps, bridges, etc., occurring directly behind the Longwood Drive properties, (a portion of which *was built through* my client's modestly sized property, as noted above). All this has resulted in harmful and unbearable noise decibel levels of 72 dBA in mid-afternoon, (as found in the tests of the Wilson T. Ballard Company commissioned by your department), to further reports as high as 78dBA. Moreover, additional road construction as recently as 1996, both widened and brought the southbound spur of I-270 even closer to the rear of the homes on Longwood Drive to its east. What exists today is depicted on the photograph also included herein, (taken from the Berlin property), although to truly experience the resulting noise and other all-pervasive effects on this community of the interchange involving traffic from two of the heaviest used highways in the region, one need only visit one of the many affected homes on Longwood Drive.

Accordingly, while many of the factors mentioned above have properly led to the finding of eligibility for construction of noise-barriers at this segment of the I-495/I-270 Spur, this letter urges the priority nature of noise-abatement measures at this particular location. It is also urged, in view of the height of certain of the ramps, bridges and roadways at this juncture, (see photo), that installation of the highest and most effective noise-barrier devices available be considered. Naturally, as stated at the outset, the appropriation of sufficient funds in the Department's 1998 Capital Improvement Budget is the crucial and necessary step toward all these ends. It is my understanding that a total expenditure of less than \$1.5 million, (20% to be committed by Montgomery County), will allow construction of noise barriers for a substantially greater stretch of roadway in the affected community beyond Longwood Drive. I am further informed that upon appropriation of the state funding required for this project, that the Montgomery County Council appears prepared to meet its 20% obligation.

Therefore, it is respectfully urged that state funding for this vital project be included in your Capital Improvement Budget for 1998, and that any necessary approval of the

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General Assembly be sought during its budgetary process in January, 1998. Should funding be obtained, it is further requested that your department move with all deliberate speed in providing relief, to the maximum extent feasible and as may be available under the current state of technology, to residents of this community long-affected by the growth and construction of both the Capital Beltway and I-270, which highways serve the burgeoning population of the greater metropolitan Washington area.

Thank you for the work you are doing and for your consideration of the above. Please contact me if I may be of further assistance in any way.

Respectfully,

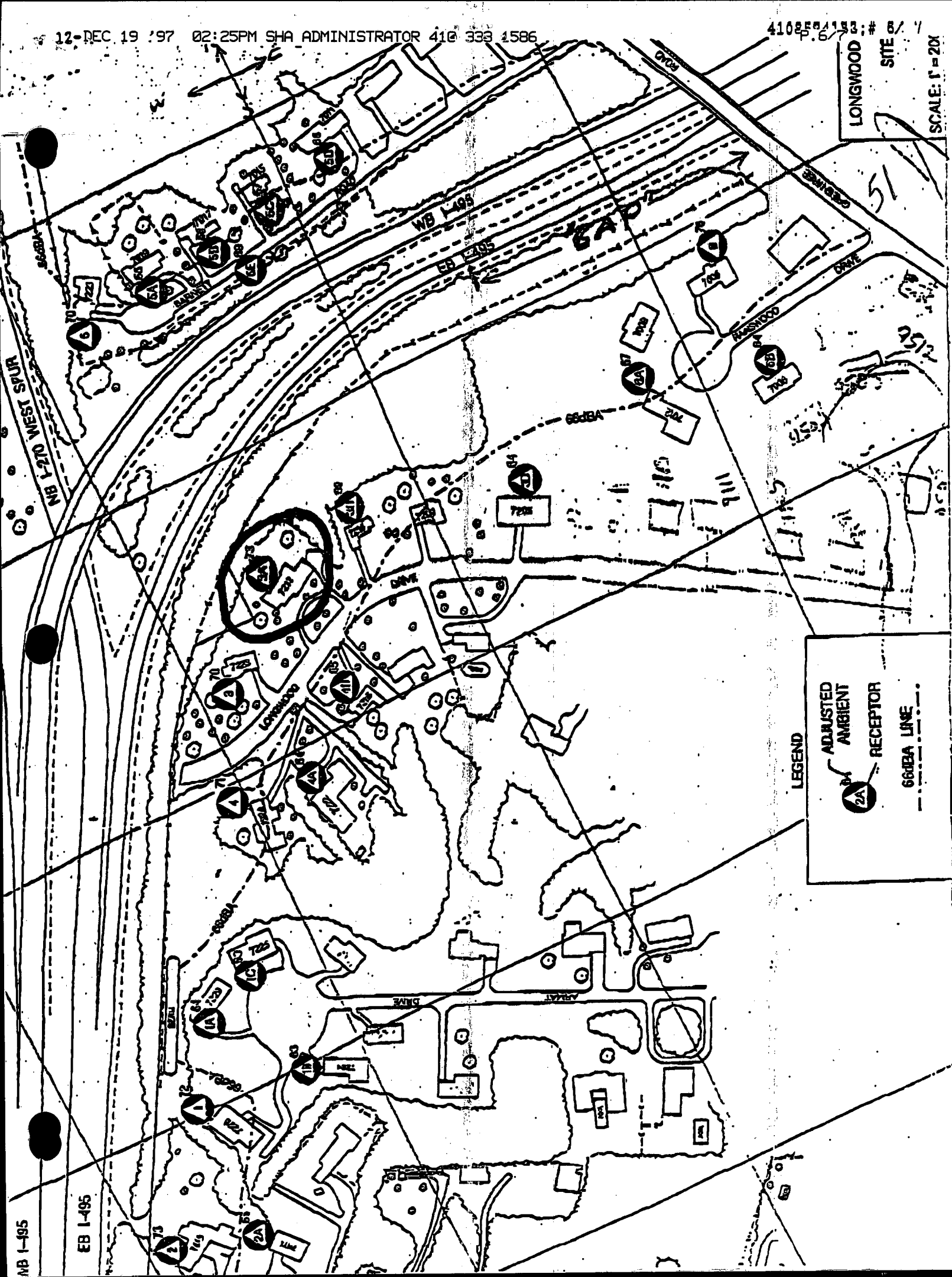


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cc: The Honorable Isiah Leggett, President, Montgomery County Council
cc: Ms. Trudi Small, President, Bradley Boulevard Citizens Association

LONGWOOD
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SCALE: 1"=20'



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The Secretary's Office

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January 22, 1998

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Ms. Esther Flint
10005 Coventry Way
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Flint:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the status of a sound barrier for the Wildwood Hills community bordering the West Spur of I-270. I appreciate this opportunity to update you on the progress of our work on this issue.

Funding needs for highway projects for the period of 1998-2003 are now being finalized. This includes a range of needs from bridge repairs, safety and paving projects and sound barriers. Once these decisions are made, the projects will be included in the Department's Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP). The Wildwood Hills area meets all of our eligibility requirements and we understand the support for this project from the community and your local and State elected representatives. Once a final decision has been made on new sound barrier funding, we will be back in contact with you.

Thank you again for your letter and your continued support and patience as we work through the funding issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

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January 16, 1998

Ms. Esther Flint
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Dear Ms. Flint:

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Funding needs for highway projects for the period of 1998-2003 are now being finalized. This includes a range of needs from bridge repairs, safety and paving projects and sound barriers. Once these decisions are made, the projects will be included in the Department's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). The Wildwood Hills area meets all of our eligibility requirements, and we understand the support for this project from the community and your local and State elected representatives. Once a final decision has been made on new sound barrier funding, we will be back in contact with you.

Thank you again for your letters and your continued support and patience as we work through the funding issue. The Governor and Secretary appreciate hearing from you and, on behalf of each of them, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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January 7, 1998
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Mr. David L. Winstead
Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
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BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

I am writing to call your attention to the funding for noise barriers for our neighborhood - Wildwood Hills, adjoining the west spur of I-270. I have lived in my home since 1953; long before I-270 was built.

I hope you will act favorably approving funding these noise barriers. WE NEED IT!

Our neighborhood has long been a sanctuary for people, birds and other aspects of rural living without the long commute to outer Montgomery County. Now the quality of life is fast-disappearing with the increased traffic. Many have referred to our neighborhood location as the "best-kept secret." Now when a person near 270 puts their house up for sale, many potential buyers don't even bother to get out of their cars. They tell their sales agents that the traffic noise is prohibitive. I'm not selling my house, but this is what my neighbors who have tried to sell have told me. Then the house sits abandoned or rented to transients while the owners try to find SOME buyer after they've moved (from the noise). Noise barriers would help our neighborhood. Please help us.

Sincerely,

Esther Flint
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February 25, 1998

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Mrs. Bernice Fones
6302 Wilmett Road
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Dear Mrs. Fones:

Thank you for your recent letter to Ms. Charlotte Bethke of the Office of the Governor, in which you expressed your concerns about sound barriers in Montgomery County. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Governor Glendening shares your concern for the quality of life enjoyed by all residents of Maryland. The erection of sound barriers is but one example of how we are able to improve that quality of life. For several decades, excessive highway noise has been recognized as having an adverse impact on communities which experience it. When sound barriers are erected to address this problem, the community enjoys an immediate improvement. For this reason, we consider sound barriers to be a beneficial component of our highway system. The federal government, which funds a large percentage of the work on these barriers, has also recognized the importance of this issue by establishing standards for noise mitigation to which a state must adhere when that state undertakes highway construction paid for by federal funds.

With that said, I would add that we are sensitive to other citizen needs, and agree with you that not every community which is adversely affected by highway noise should receive a sound barrier at State expense. Sound barriers are considered in Maryland in two sets of circumstances: when expansion of an existing highway is planned ("Type I" barriers); and when an area was built before the construction of the original highway at a time before noise was recognized as having an adverse impact ("Type II," or "retrofit" barriers). By definition, communities built after the highway are not eligible for Type II barriers. The State also will not build sound barriers in counties which approve new residential development adjacent to State highways unless the county has adequate local controls in place that will protect prospective residents from noise.

The safety of motorists on Maryland's roads is our foremost concern. With input such as yours, we can continue to take steps to provide motorists with the safest driving environment we can. I have passed on your comments about lane markings, lighting and the marking of construction areas to Mr. Charlie Watkins, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) District Engineer for your area. I would appreciate your being kind enough to call Mr. Watkins to let him know the specific areas which you feel need attention. You can reach him at 301-513-7311 or 1-800-749-0737.

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Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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January 29, 1998

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Office Of Governors Consituents
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Attention: Miss Bethke

Dear Miss Bethke:

Referring to our telephone conversation as of today's date, I am enclosing a copy of an article written by Mr. Mark Shriver, which appeared in the Bethesda Gazette on January 21, 1998. The original article was enclosed in a letter, dated January 22, 1998 which I probably addressed incorrectly and you have not received as of this date.

After reading this article, I believe this to be a political venture on Mr. Shriver's behalf in hopes that it may help him to be re-elected in the next elections, whenever they may be. I also believe that Mr. Shriver has lived in this area long enough to know where the noise that he heard was coming from and it seems from this article, only once has he heard this noise, that he couldn't find at first. Does Mr. Shriver have the same interest for citizens in Bethesda that hear trains from Rockville? Are we entitled to walls and barriers?

I am against the use of Maryland taxpayers dollars for the funding of these walls or barriers along the beltway in which Mr. Shriver has become concerned about at this time. I realize Mr. Shriver doesn't want my opinion, but I believe these walls or barriers are ugly and monstrous and in some instances too big for the area they are in, but I am not running for political office. This beltway I believe is the issue in this article has been here for a very long time and probably was here when a lot of the people Mr. Shriver is concerned about moved into their homes.

Thank you for reading this letter. As you can see I am very annoyed and believe there are more important issues affecting ALL citizens that Mr. Shriver, the Governor and the Maryland Department Of Transportation should be concerned about. Most importantly I would like the highways that are used by citizens and tourists in Bethesda, Gaithersburg and Rockville have the necessary lighting working after dark and the lines on the roads brights or white enough so that they may be seen in all kinds of weather, especially during rain and after darkness. Also, have construction areas marked for easier driving both day and night.

Mrs. Bernice Fones
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Bethesda, Maryland 20817

P.S. I understand the Lt. Governor Of Maryland is related to Mr. Shriver, so do opponents not agreeing with his concerns have a chance?

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Miss Bethke: I am not going to write a letter about the enclosed article which appeared in the Washington Post on January 27, 1998. I believe it speaks for itself. It seems to me that the walls or barriers deal was already finalized before Mr. Shriver's letter appeared in the Gazette on January 21, 1998, so why should citizens bother following his suggestions in this article? What I gathered from reading this enclosed Washington Post article was that the Governor started the day with Mr. Shriver and ended with Mr. Shriver and Mr. Frosh in someone's backyard, after taking time out for the Silver Spring issue. I can't believe that as busy as the Governor must be that his schedule could be altered this quickly, but I am not in politics and don't understand many many things that go on. I am just a voter.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Judy Weeks

Charlotte

FROM: Charlotte Bethke

DATE: *February 12, 1998*

RE:

Correspondence from Mrs. Bernice Jones

Correspondence has been received from the above.

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_____ Your signature and forward a copy
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Thank you.

NOTE: Please return this paper with your request. Any other
backup material with this request can be retained for your
files unless noted otherwise.

Judy,

Per our discussion. Thanks
Charlotte

Sound off for sound barriers

In early December I was at a town meeting in Potomac where the following story was told: A resident of Burning Tree Estates, a neighborhood just west of the beltway in Bethesda, was sitting in his living room with his daughter, who is hearing impaired. The girl, who uses sign language to communicate with her family, signed to her father, "Daddy, I can feel the Beltway."

Just two weeks ago, I woke up at 3 a.m. to a noise I couldn't (at first) identify. It was not until after a few minutes of investigating that I realized what had awoken me was noise from the Beltway and I-270 coming through an open window. My wife and I live almost two miles from the source of the drone.

If a young woman who cannot hear, can feel the Beltway while sitting in her home, and a family that lives two miles away can be disturbed by the Beltway's noise at 3 a.m., imagine how it must feel to be one of the hundreds of people who live in the shadow of the Beltway and I-270 without the benefit of noise barriers.

This is a profound quality of life issue: the citizens affected cannot have a conversation in their backyard, or have a peaceful summer cookout, and perhaps the biggest single investment of their lives, their homes, are at serious risk of being devalued.

Two neighborhoods, in particular,

are long overdue in terms of receiving funding from the state for sound barrier construction. The first is Burning Tree Estates, which is defined by River Road to the south, Bradley Boulevard to the north, Seven Locks Road to the west, and a 10-lane stretch of I-495 to the east. Along this stretch of beltway, the roar of traffic produces a drone so loud it can be heard by Burning Tree Estates residents inside and outside their homes for 24 hours a day. There literally is no escaping the noise.

The second neighborhood is Wildwood Hills, also in Bethesda, which borders the western side of I-270 immediately south of Democracy Boulevard. Part of the neighborhood borders the back nine of Burning Tree golfcourse, the serenity of which stands in stark contrast to the noise from I-270's commuter traffic that floods this neighborhood every day.

The first step in getting sound barriers constructed is to meet noise standards. Wildwood Hills has met these standards and thus has qualified for funding from the state. Being qualified, however, does not immediately translate into funding for the project; once qualified, a project must then be approved for funding in the Capital Budget. Unfortunately, Wildwood Hills has yet to be approved for funding. Burning Tree Estates, on the other hand, has not yet

qualified as the results of recent noise testing have not yet been fully analyzed to determine whether or not the neighborhood meets the state's noise standard.

As we begin a new legislative session, budget decisions are currently being made. Since last summer, I have met and spoken on numerous occasions with both Gov. Parris Glendening and Maryland Transportation Secretary David Winstead to stress to them the importance of funding for Wildwood Hills, the importance that Burning Tree Estates qualify for funding, and that funding for both not be delayed by bureaucratic processes.

It is crucial, however, that residents of these neighborhoods, and all Montgomery County residents who are concerned with similar quality of life issues, make their voices heard. To anyone who has friends or family in these neighborhoods and has heard first hand the roar of traffic, the need for the sound barriers is obvious. But it can't and won't be heard by decision makers in Annapolis unless the people affected make some noise themselves. Please write Governor Glendening today at the State House, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 or call him at (800) 811-8336.

Del. Mark Shriver, Bethesda
The writer represents Dist. 15 in the
House of Delegates

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Silver Spring Revitalization Gets a Boost

GLENDENING, From B1

friendly area much like the Coleville and Georgia intersection was 40 years ago, when it was the heart of downtown and before the roads became multilane thoroughfares.

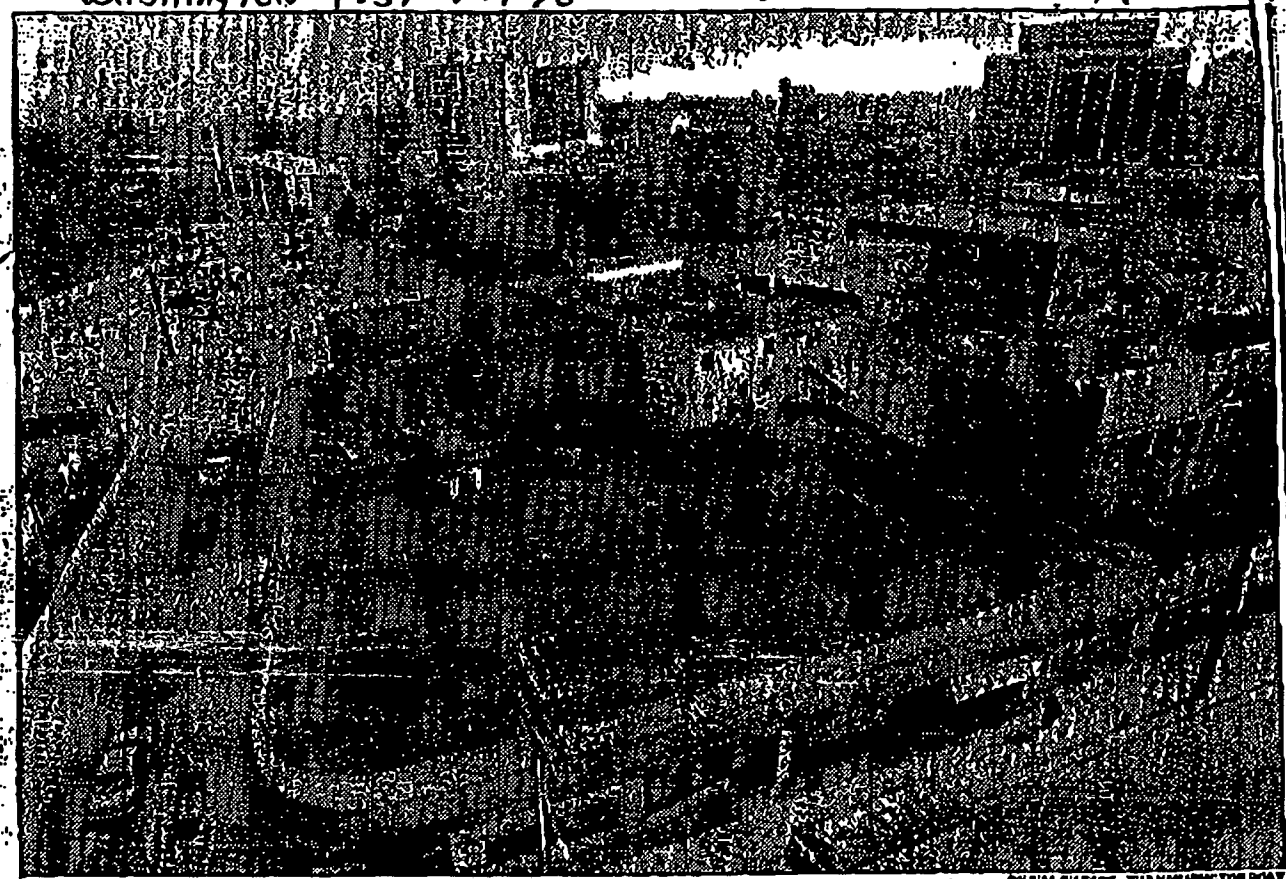
A proposal had been proposed for the site until community opposition helped shoot it down about a year ago.

This is a major step in the right direction, Glendening said yesterday after reviewing drawings of the proposed town square. "It is people-scale ... not drive, like a major structure would be."

Glendening's administration had previously provided \$5 million for planning

"This is a major step in the right direction."

Md. Gov. Parris N. Glendening announced the new development. The additional \$21.5 million includes \$1.5 million for the design of a new transit center in Silver Spring. The rest of the money, which is part of the governor's \$801 million capital budget to be unveiled today, will be distributed during the next three years: \$10 million the first year



BY NAL O'LEARY—THE WASHINGTON POST
Aerial view of downtown Silver Spring.

The \$21.5 million in state money would propel plans for a movie multiplex, restaurants and shops in downtown Silver Spring.

and \$5 million in each of the remaining two years.

The Silver Spring announcement came in the middle of a day that also saw Glendening travel to the Leisure World retirement community, where he cut the ribbon on a \$262,000 road redesign and new traffic light at Norbeck Road and Norbeck Boulevard that had long been sought by the community's more than 7,000 residents.

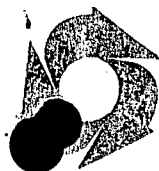
The day ended in the back yard of the home of Richard and Sheryl Levy in the

Bradley Manor development, which backs Interstate 495. Glendening announced that \$9.6 million in highway sound barriers would be constructed. The state will pay \$7.7 million; the county will pick up the rest.

The barriers will be built at the following locations: Wildwood Manor near the east spur of Interstate 270; Wildwood Hills along the west spur of I-270; Bradley Manor near the inner loop of I-495 east of Greentree Road; Loagwood near the inner loop of I-495

north of Bradley Boulevard; the Barnett Road area near the outer loop of I-495 near the west spur of I-270; Forest Glen along the outer loop of I-495 near Seminary Road; and Park View along the inner loop of I-495 near Jones Mill Road.

The initiatives are reflective of what most taxpayers want from their government, said state Sen. Brian E. Frosh (D-Montgomery). "It's stuff like this," he said, standing in the Levys' noisy back yard, "not a convention center or a stadium."



Maryland Department of Transportation
The Secretary's Office

Parrie N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

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August 11, 1998

Mr. Thomas H. Francis
12 Fitzgerald Drive
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Francis:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for your community along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Rowe Boulevard. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf. He has received a number of letters on this issue and he appreciates your bringing this matter to his attention.

Since Governor Glendening took office in 1995, this Administration has placed an increased emphasis on quality of life issues, such as sound barriers. In the past three years, we have developed a new Sound Barrier Policy that has made communities such as yours eligible to receive these much-needed projects. To handle the increased number of eligible communities, we also have nearly tripled the budget for sound barriers. In 1995, only \$22 million was earmarked for sound barriers, but since then, the Governor has increased that figure to \$60 million. Regrettably, the number of eligible communities still surpasses our ability to fund them as quickly as we would like.

With the enactment of a sound ordinance by Anne Arundel County and the 20 percent commitment to funding by County Executive Gary earlier this year, I was pleased to learn that your community now meets all the requirements to receive a sound barrier. Unfortunately, these last two actions taken by the County occurred after the Department of Transportation had submitted its budget to the General Assembly for the upcoming year.

Mr. Thomas H. Francis
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Now that your community has met the eligibility requirements, let me assure you that your community's request for construction of a sound barrier will receive full consideration for inclusion in the Department's budget for next year. Your continued patience is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: The Honorable John C. Astle, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Phillip D. Bissett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Virginia P. Clagett, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

Mr. Thomas H. Francis
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bcc: Mr. Paul D. Armstrong, District 5 Engineer, State Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services,
Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of
Transportation, Serial #11918

Serial #: 11918

Drafted by: Mr. Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT – August 5, 1998
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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

July 31, 1998

Honorable David L. Winstead
Office of the Secretary
Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 8755
BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

Parker
Please Prepare Response For Secretary's
Signature

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Dear Mr. Winstead:

I am writing concerning the proposed sound barrier for the intersection of Rt. 50 and Rowe Boulevard in Annapolis. The proposed barrier is described as NSA - A.

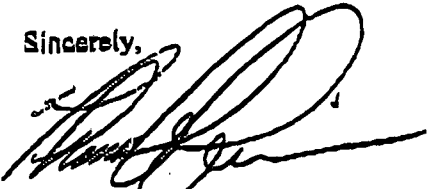
I had heard of the proposal, but had heard that the decision had been finalized and that the barrier was to be built. Obviously this was not completely correct. I now understand that certain approvals have been gained, but a lack of support from the community has put the plan in jeopardy. I apologize for not speaking out sooner.

I reside at 12 Fitzgerald Drive. My grandfather bought this property in the 1930's. I grew up here in the 1960's and 70's. A year ago, I bought my parent's house from them and moved my family here. We love it here, however, there is a tremendous difference in the level of noise from Rt. 50 since I last lived here. Obviously the 60's saw traffic building, but quiet usually ruled. The early 70's saw traffic increase to the point that planning for the expansion began. With the expansion, the road now carries many more vehicles, and therefore the noise levels have greatly increased. Don't get me wrong, I am thankful for the expansion. I use the road as everyone else does. Roads must pass by someone's neighborhood and I accept the positioning of the road. My position is that others who also enjoy the convenience of Rt. 50, but are not burdened with it's noise levels at their homes, should recognize the plight of those who must endure it at home and they should responsibly support the effort to help shelter us from the noise.

I understand that Mr. Charles Adams of the State Highway Administration is attempting to block construction of the barrier. He apparently believes that this neighborhood has not spoken out in petitioning for it. This may be true, but I think that many others believed as I did; that it was a "done deal". I think that others will now also write you.

I urge you therefore to do the responsible thing and build the proposed noise barriers. These old neighborhoods deserve what protection the barriers will bring from the invasion of noise that Rt. 50 has brought over the years.

Sincerely,


Thomas H. Francis
12 Fitzgerald Dr.
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-571-9509

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Due Date 8/6/98

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Routing Slip for the Noise Team
Correspondence

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Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

#938
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

February 9, 1998

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Re: # 7960
Repluce

Ms. Lynn Frank
Mr. Stephen Frank
7710 Cindy Lane
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Frank and Mr. Frank:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is (410)- 865-1000

Toll Free Number 1-888-713-1414 TTY For the Deaf: (410) 865-1342

Post Office Box 8755, Baltimore/Washington International Airport, Maryland 21240-0755

Community: Burning tree

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☒ Administrator, ☐ Secretary, ☐ Governor

☐ himself, on behalf of: ☐ Secretary, ☒ Governor

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
MDOT - SHERRY VARNER - MS 255
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

#938

LOC - '98 /slv SERIAL#: 7960

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 02/18/98

FROM: Frank, Steve 02/12/98

RE: EXPRESSES APPRCIATION FOR TH
NOISE BARRIER ISSUE

RESPOND BY: 02/24/98

- Condensed?*
- Yes - Born Tree? Do we get Standard?*
- [] PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SI SIGNATURE
 - [X] PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SE SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
 - [] REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY
 - [] PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
 - [] PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

FOR USE BY RESPONSIBLE UNIT

ASSIGNED TO: Charlie Adams

TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 2 20 98 10:00

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

DATE: 2-18-98

FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: Renot w/ Mal Momo - Feb 9th?

(Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY: _____

PROOFREAD BY: _____

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.
98 FEB 18 AM 11:10
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

RECORD OF INTERIM TELEPHONE RESPONSE

(You can buy yourself some additional time in preparing a written reply by telephoning the constituent, explaining what's happening, and indicating when he/she may expect a formal reply. Please fill this portion and mail back the green sheet to obtain an extension on your reply deadline.)

Name of Person Called: _____ Date: _____

Written follow-up will be prepared by: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE
TO: SHERRY VARNER @ MDOT MS-255

Ms. Lynn Frank
Mr. Stephen Frank
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT (Serial No. 10821 also)
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

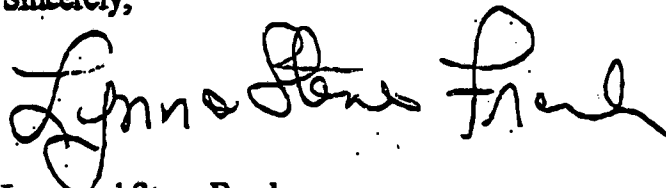
Dear Governor Glendening:

We are writing to express our deep gratitude for you insight into the Burning Tree Estates Noise Barrier issue.

We are hopeful that current funds will be allotted for our barriers. We have been struggling with this issue for over ten years, and would really like to see results as soon as possible. At the risk of being pests, we respectfully request funding as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration ;

Sincerely,



Lynn and Steve Frank,
7710 Cindy Lane
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

cc Delegate Mark Shriver, 224 Lowe House Office Building, Annapolis Md 21401
Delegate Jean Cryor, 219 Lowe House Office Building, Annapolis MD 21401
Delegate Richard LaVay, 405 Lowe House Building, Annapolis MD 21401
Senator Jean Roesser, 308 James Senate Office Building, Annapolis, MD 21401

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LID : 51343

ReceiveDate : 2/12/1998

Assign Date : 2/12/1998

Deadline Date : 2/26/1998

Name : Steve Frank

7710 Cindy Lane

Bemasda, MD 20817

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SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject : SOUND BARRIER REQUES **Description :** Expresses appreciation for the Burning Tree Estates Noise Barrier Issue.

Agency : MDOT**Unit :** DSI**RE-DIRECT INFORMATION**

If the response to this correspondence should be handled by another agency, please complete the following information and forward the completed form and the correspondence to the proper agency. Also, copy the completed form and send the copy to the unit indicated above.

Re-Directed to : _____

Date : _____



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

January 29, 1998

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Ms. Lynn Frank
Mr. Stephen Frank
7710 Cindy Lane
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. and Mr. Frank:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Governor shares your concerns over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of the request for a sound barrier for your area.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing a comprehensive review of the section of the beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road to determine if the area meets the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our revised noise policy. We expect to have the results of our reanalysis soon and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation

My telephone number is 410-545-8640 or toll free
in Maryland 1-800-446-5962

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1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free

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Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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Mr. Stephen Frank
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, SHA
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, SHA
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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT, **Serial #7820**
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District 3 Engineer, SHA
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District 3 Engineer, SHA

SERIAL: #7820

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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- January 27, 1998

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The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Dear Governor Glendening:

We are writing you to thank you for considering support of noise barriers on the west side of routes 270 and 495 between River Road and Bradely Boulevard. It is our understanding that Delegate Shriver explained the importance of these noise barriers to you in a meeting in late December. Briefly, in the past ten years, the Beltway has been expanded by five lanes at the junction of our street (Cindy Lane). When we originally purchased the property, there was no discreditable noise, now our decibel readings exceed 80 db. routinely. To make matters worse, the Department of Transportation installed noise barriers on the east side of the Beltway parallel to a considerable stretch of 495 impacting many owners on 495's west side. This has caused an increase in the noise due to the bouncing of noise off the East side, reflected to the unprotected west side. We have been "discussing" this issue with the Department of Transportation for over 8 years. Apparently due to our lower density zoning laws and the parallel construction of Seven Locks Road, we do not meet density requirements. This application of density criteria seems inappropriate. The facts (and the Department of Transportation agrees) are:

- that we are severely impacted by noise,
- the Beltway has been expanded significantly in the past eight years
- The State has installed a noise barrier on the east side of the Beltway, which unfortunately made matter worse.

We and the rest of our Bethesda neighbors, hope that you will be able to solve this problem for us. The installation of noise barriers would significantly improve our quality of life, and would be a one time expenditure that would seem appropriate to the State's current financial position.

We appreciate your interest in this issue, and in all your effort to improve the State and Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

Lynn + Steve Frank

Lynn and Stephen Frank
7710 Cindy Lane
Bethesda Maryland 20817

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LID : 49212

Receive Date : 1/16/1998

Assign Date : 1/7/1998

Deadline Date : 1/30/1998

Name : Lynn Frank
7710 Cindy Lane
Bethesda, MD 20817

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Subject : SOUND BARRIER REQUEST Description : Supports funding for noise barriers in the Capital Improvement Budget for FY 98.

Agency : DBAM

Unit : COS - M Riddick

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Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

April 10, 1998

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Mr. James R. Fratangelo
8613 Seven Locks Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Fratangelo:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates Community. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Burning Tree Estates Community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier, and the Governor has approved funding for its design and construction. The State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin design of this barrier soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams will have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is 410-865-1000

TTY For the Deaf: (410) 865-1342

Post Office Box 8755, Baltimore/Washington International Airport, Maryland 21240-0755

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation,
Serial: #8138
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- April 2, 1998
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11000 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, Maryland 21044

March 23, 1998



Governor Parris Glendening
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Glendening:

I am a member of the Burning Tree Estates Task Force which encompasses the area south from Bradley Boulevard to River Road along I-495. At this time Burning Tree Estates is qualified for noise barriers and I would like to express my gratitude for addressing this issue and for your decision to qualify us for these barriers.

As we have qualified for the barriers, at present they have not been funded within the current budget. I urge you to consider us for funding by means of a supplementary budget.

Again I thank you for your efforts with regard to noise barriers and our quality of life these barriers will bring. I may be contacted at the following address:

James R. Fratangelo
8613 Seven Locks Road
Bethesda, MD 20817
(301) 365-1581

I would ask you to share your views on funding. Please feel free to either write or call me at the above listed address. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



James R. Fratangelo

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATIONLID: 54959
ReceiveDate: 03/31/1998Assign Date: 03/23/1998
Deadline Date: 04/14/1998Name: Mr. James Fratangelo
Flyland Mortgage 11000 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: SOUND BARRIER REQUEST

Description: Urges consideration for funding of the noise barriers in the supplementary budget.

Agency: MDOT

UNIT: DSI

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**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

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December 22, 1998

Ms. Jeanne Gallagher
111 Willobrook Drive
Pasadena MD 21122

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter sent to you in August regarding a sound barrier evaluation for the Willo-Brook and Brookfield communities near MD 100. I would like to update you on the status of the evaluation.

We are finalizing our analysis to determine if this area meets the requirements for a sound barrier. It has taken us longer than we originally anticipated to complete this work and we now expect to have the results of our analysis in early January. Once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. You may expect to hear from us by the end of January.

Thank you for your patience while we continue to conduct our investigation. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director State Highway Administration, who may be reached at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Joan Cadden, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Philip C. Jimeno, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable John R. Leopold, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Victoria L. Schade, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is _____

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bcc: Mr. Paul D. Armstrong, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services, Maryland
Department of Transportation
Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. John M. Lewis, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Ted Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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Responding to letter dated:

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**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

Parris N. Glendening
Governor
David L. Winstead
Secretary
Parker F. Williams
Administrator

August 19, 1998

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Ms. Jeanne Gallagher
111 Willo Brook Drive
Pasadena MD 21122

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the highway noise along MD 100 in the vicinity of the Willo Brook and Brookfield communities. I appreciate the opportunity to explain how our Sound Barrier Program applies to your communities.

In order for us to determine if the Willo Brook and Brookfield communities meet the qualifications for a sound barrier, it will be necessary for us to determine if all of the following criteria are met. This will consist of determining if the majority of the affected homes predate the highway; if existing noise levels equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold; and if an effective barrier can be built for a reasonable cost. If these criteria are met, construction of a barrier would be dependant upon the availability of State funds and Anne Arundel County would have to agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

We will initiate an analysis to determine if the technical criteria are all met. This analysis should be completed by the end of October. I look forward to sharing the results with you then. Enclosed for your use is a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy and Community Resource Guide.

Thank you again for you interest. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Joan Cadden, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Philip C. Jimeno, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable John R. Leopold, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable, Victoria L. Schade, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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Ms. Jeanne Gallagher
111 Willo Brook Drive
Pasadena MD 21122

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the highway noise along MD 100 in the vicinity of the Willo Brook and Brookfield communities. I appreciate the opportunity to explain how our Sound Barrier Program applies to your communities.

Type II, or retrofit, sound barriers are considered with the construction of noise barriers for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. The following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the community must predate the highway, existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold, and an effective barrier must be able to be built for a reasonable cost. If these criteria are met the County in which the community is located must have a local noise control ordinance to address noise impact upon new development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

We are currently evaluating the eligibility of the Willo Brook and Brookfield communities based upon our technical criteria. This analysis should be completed by the end of October. I look forward to sharing the results with you then. Enclosed for your use is a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy and Community Resource Guide.

Thank you again for your interest. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Joan Cadden, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Philip C. Jimeno, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable John R. Leopold, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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Noise Team : Investigate
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111 Willo Brook Drive
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Mr. Charles Adams
Office of Environmental Design
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Adams,

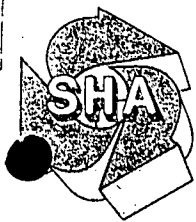
This letter is to request that you address the proper state and/or county official(s) to take immediate action to build a soundbarrier wall along Route 100 near the Willo Brook and Brookfield communities in Pasadena, MD.

The residents of these communities believe this action is necessary due to the heavy traffic noise and pollution, as well as for the safety of our children. Therefore, a signed petition supporting this concern is forthcoming.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jeanne Gallagher
Jeanne Gallagher



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

August 11, 1998

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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Ms. Catherine Bennett
601 Priceville Avenue
Sparks MD 21152

Dear Ms. Bennett:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding highway noise along I-83 in the Baltimore County community of Priceville. I appreciate the opportunity to explain how our Sound Barrier Program applies to your community.

Type II, or retrofit, sound barriers are considered with the construction of noise barriers for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. The following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the majority of the affected homes in the community must predate the highway, existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold, and an effective barrier must be able to be built for a reasonable cost. If these criteria are met the County in which the community is located must have a local noise control ordinance to address noise impact upon new development, and the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost, before we will consider funding for a project.

We are currently evaluating the eligibility of your community based upon our technical criteria. This analysis should be completed by the end of October. I look forward to sharing the results with you then. Enclosed for your use is a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy and Community Resource Guide.

Thank you again for your interest. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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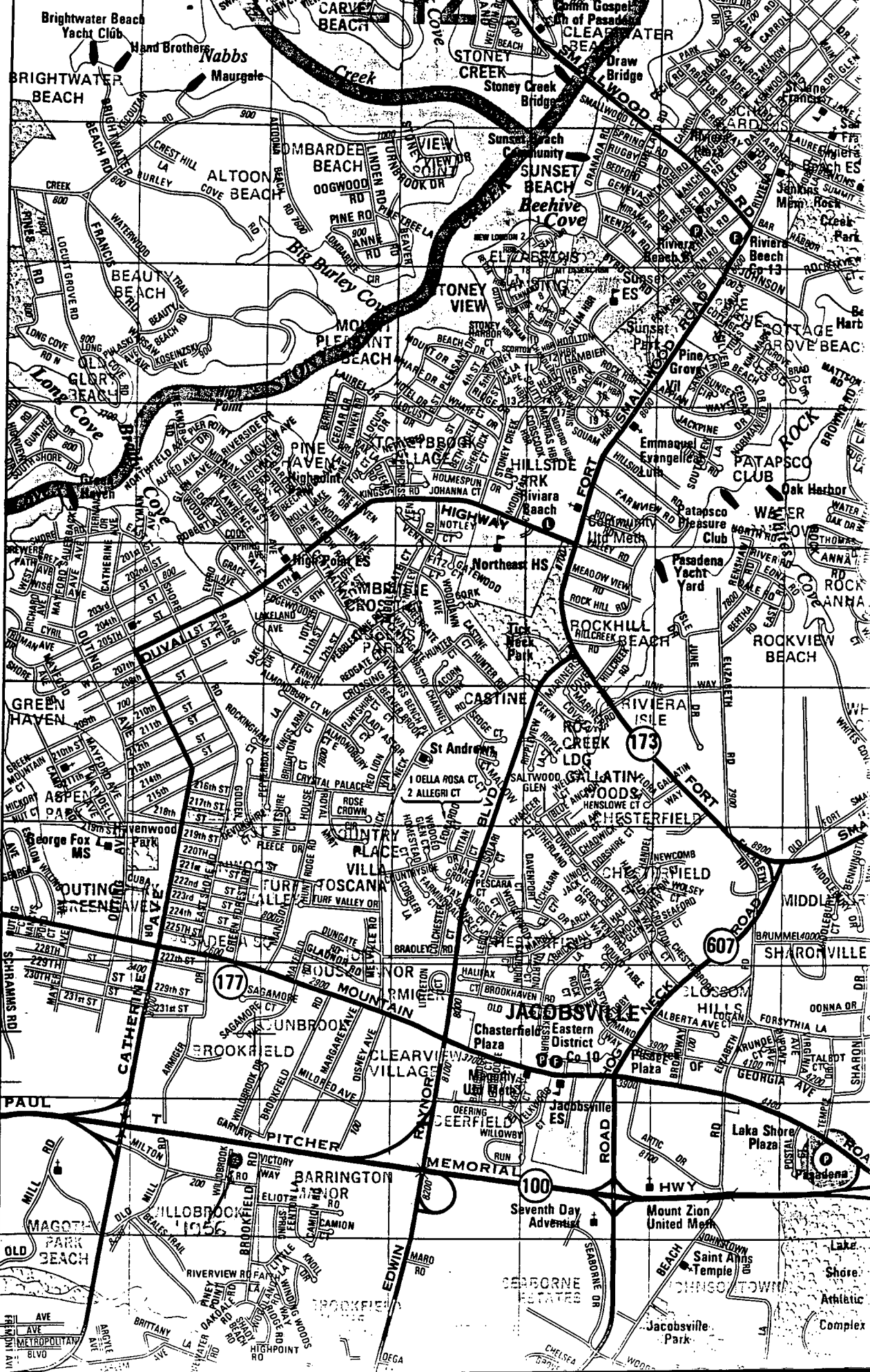
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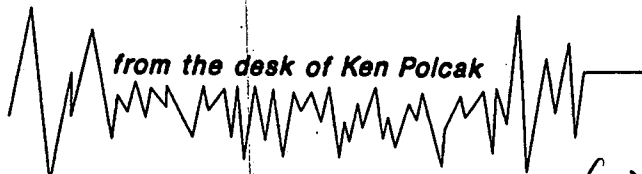




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from the desk of Ken Polcak

Natalie:

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Thanks

Ken

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DUCKEY'S RUN ROAD HOCO



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Deputy Secretary

November 16, 1998

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Mr. Bradley George
6024 Duckey's Run Road
Elkridge MD 21075

Dear Mr. George:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a noise study for the Duckey's Run community along I-95. I appreciate your interest in this issue.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has recently completed a study of the Hunt Club Estates and Duckey's Run communities to determine if they met the requirements for a sound barrier under our Type II, or retrofit program. The first criterion that must be met is the community must predate the highway. We found that only the northern portion of the Hunt Club Estates community predates the highway, and also meets the remaining technical criteria for a sound barrier. The majority of residences in the Duckey's Run community were built after I-95 and, therefore, do not qualify for a sound barrier. Enclosed is the State's Sound Barrier Brochure which explains the criteria needed to qualify for these structures.

Thank you again for your letter. I regret I cannot offer you a more positive response. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr., Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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OF TRANSPORTATION*Parker*
Please Prepare Response For Secretary's
Signature

10/21/98

Maryland Dept. of Transportation, Secretaries Office
Mr. David Winstead, Secretary
PO Box 8755
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Dear Mr. Winstead;


I have been following the correspondence between your office and Mr. Edward J. Huber of Elkridge through the copies of your letters which have been reprinted in the local paper, "The Viaduct". I was happy to see that a study has been conducted on portions of Elkridge. I am however, concerned that the study will be limited to the Lawyers Hill area of Elkridge only. The portion of Elkridge that lies south of this area also has genuine concerns about the noise generated from Rt. 95. The area, specifically, is all of the homes located south and east of the Montgomery Road overpass on the northbound side of the highway.

With an increase in the speed limit on Rt. 95 from 55 mph to 65 mph as well as the completion of Rt. 100 which will bring more traffic onto Rt. 95 and into the area, we as a community have concerns about the ever increasing traffic noise. I understand that there are restriction concerning the building of sound barriers in relation to the age of the homes in area as well as the home density. In this area there is a mixture of old as well as new homes and the density would surely meet the requirements. I also understand that there are a variety of other requirements which need to be met before a barrier can be erected, however, I am sure that this area meets all of those minimum requirements. Also, please note that there is already a sound barrier erected on the southbound portion of Rt. 95 in this area.

Therefore, I would request, that at a minimum, a study also be conducted on this area of Elkridge to asses the viability of erecting a sound barrier partition along the Rt. 95 corridor. The results could then be forwarded to myself for dissemination throughout the community and to local civic groups such as the Elkridge Preservation Society.

I am looking forward to hearing from your office concerning this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-796-9152.

Sincerely,


Bradley George
6024 Duckey's Run Road
Elkridge, MD 21075



October 28, 1998

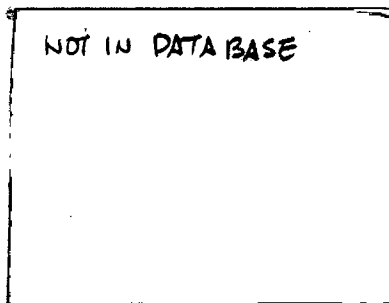
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Ms. Deborah L. Geraghty
3 Rolling Green Court
Lutherville MD 21093



Dear Ms. Geraghty:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitment is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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Mr. John M Lewis, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Eric Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Dave J. Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
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State Highway Administration**

Parris N. Glendening
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Administrator

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July 22, 1998

Mr. Richard L. Gezelle, Jr.
3133 Fox Valley Drive
West Friendship MD 21794

Dear Mr. Gezelle:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting information about the State's Sound Barrier Program. In regards to your telephone call on July 15, enclosed is a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy as well as the State Highway Administration's Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide for your information.

Thank you again for your interest. It was a pleasure to talk to you. If you should need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Natalie B. Hardy
Special Assistant to the Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division State
Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

DATE:

November 24th '94

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
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Noise Abatement Design
and Analysis Section

TO:

Mr. John J. Gillon, Jr. 410-301-589-6527
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

Re: # 75417

FROM:

Philip Troll OED - 410-545-8600
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

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I enclosed the copy of Dr. Hursan's letter for your information.

Please forward this transmittal to the appropriate person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our office at (410) 545-8641. The telephone number for the FAX machine at State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design is (410) 209-5003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

Afternoon Mr. Gillon -
As per our conversation of a few minutes ago - here are copies of the letters that were sent out October 29th explaining the ongoing timetable for our comprehensive review of the '94 Noise Policy. We want to ensure that all concerned citizens are informed and are part of the process. We hear your voices and your concerns. I have been working with Dr. Hursan's Office to facilitate the flow of information. I will pass on your message that SHA needs to core the problem - Work out ways of solving the problem to Charlie this afternoon. It is always the case - Never hesitate to call if you have any questions. If I can I'll answer - If I can't I'll do my best -

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ReceiveDate : 11/13/1997

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Deadline Date : 11/27/1997

Name : John J. Gillon, Jr.
Attorney
2921 Stanton Avenue
Forest Glen Park
Silver Spring, MD 20910

7547

Subject : SOUND BARRIER REQUE Description : Requests sound barriers for the Forest Glen area on the Washington Beltway.

Agency : MDOT

Unit : DSI

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Louisiana,
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November 2, 1997

Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Governor
State of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Beltway Noise: Forest Glen Park, Maryland

Governor Glendening:

As you will recall, in July my wife Shelley and I asked on behalf of our Forest Glen Park neighbors and ourselves your assistance in highway-noise abatement in Montgomery County. We live on a hilltop in Forest Glen Park between Georgia Avenue and Rock Creek in homes built almost 20 years before the Washington Beltway, but sound barriers never were installed to protect our neighborhood from the unrelenting noise generated by the Beltway.

In July the State Highway Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation (SHA/MDT) promised one group of elected officials action by the end of September and promised another group action by the end of October--a tactic not unlike that of SHA/MDT when the Beltway was built and again in the 1980's.

Well, again we have passed both of those SHA/MDT deadlines without action by the agency.

But more to the point, the agency still seems incapable of understanding that it does not get to decide *whether or not* it will take action on a problem that it created.

As a neighborhood we are not asking *consideration* for sound barriers--we are reminding the elected and appointed officials that their agency created a problem and now must correct it.

The residents of Forest Glen Park have been incredibly patient with officials these many years--and our patients are waning.

Please assist us in resolving this matter without further excuses or delays by installing sound walls of sufficient height and structure in our neighborhood on the Inner Loop of the Beltway between Georgia Avenue and Rock Creek.

Very truly yours,

JOHN J. GILLON, JR.

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November 16, 1998

John J. Gillon, Jr., Esq.
Gillon & Gillon
Attorneys at Law
2921 Stanton Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20910-1218

Dear Mr. Gillon:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding the combining of several projects in the vicinity of the Forest Glen Park community in Montgomery County. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Your letter suggests the State is planning separate construction and repair efforts on the Capital Beltway in the vicinity of your community. We understand you would like us to combine them with the proposed sound barrier project for efficiency and cost savings. The only planned repair work is now underway; it is for some side slope stabilization east of the Railroad Bridge to the east. This work, which is minor in scope, must be completed now in order to maintain the condition of the adjacent roadway.

The Forest Glen Park sound barrier project has not yet been funded, and design has not begun. Once it is funded, it will take from nine to twelve months to design and prepare for bids. The sequence of work on the barrier and the immediate need to complete the slope stabilization make it difficult for us to combine the two activities.

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John J. Gillon, Jr., Esq.
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Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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Letter Date: 10/28/1998
Deadline Date: 11/16/1998

Name: Mr. John Gillon, Jr.
2921 Stanton Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Subject: SOUND BARRIER REQUEST

Description: Expresses assistance regarding the State Highway Administration to solve the roadbed and sound wall problems.

Agency: MDOT

UNIT: DSI

CC: NOCPD.GWIA(mdot.state.md.us,jweeks@gov.state.md.u...

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October 28, 1998

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State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Honorable David L. Winstead
Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 8755
BWI Airport, Maryland 21240-0755

Governor Glendening and Secretary Winstead:

My wife Shelley and I want to offer our sincere thanks for your support and efforts on behalf of our struggle and that of our neighbors to have sound wall protection installed for the Forest Glen Park neighborhood.

Sadly, while the State Highway Administration once again promises action on the installation of sound walls to protect Forest Glen Park on the Inner Loop of the Beltway between Seminary Road and Rock Creek from assault by Beltway noise and volatile organic compound (VOCs) chemical pollution, what is clear is that SHA will can't seem to put together emergency repairs necessary to a catastrophically failing roadway edging with a simultaneous installation of the sound walls.

In other words, SHA's plan is to rebuild the roadway supports, and rebuild them *again* while installing the sound walls.

Are we missing something, or is there a problem with that plan?

We ask that you work with us to compel SHA to come to grips with the fiscally unwise nature of that plan, and solve the roadbed and sound wall problems promptly, simultaneously and in a financially responsible manner.

Put another way, please help us get through to SHA that we should only paying for the project once--and in short order.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

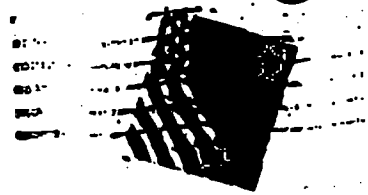
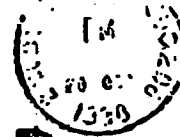
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RE: Beltway Noise: Forest Glen Park, Maryland

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Honorable Parris N. Glendening
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State Highway Administration**

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Secretary
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Administrator

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November 20, 1998

Ms. Donna Glaser
518 Kansala Drive
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Glaser:

This is a follow up to your conversation with Ms. Natalie Hardy of my office regarding a sound barrier for the Twin Hills community along I-97. I appreciate the opportunity to explain the State's Sound Barrier Program.

The Twin Hills community was evaluated under our Type II or retrofit program, which involves the consideration of sound barriers for communities that predate the original highway. To be eligible for consideration the following criteria must be met: the community must have been built before the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibel (dBA); and an effective barrier must be able to be built for a reasonable cost. In addition, if these technical criteria are met, the County in which the community is located must have a local noise control ordinance to address noise impact upon new development and they must agree to fund 20% of the barrier cost before State funding is considered.

Records indicate that the majority of homes in the Twin Hills community were built between 1993 and 1995. The system opening date for I-97 is 1981. Since the Twin Hills community was built after the highway it does not meet the date criterion and therefore we cannot consider a sound barrier.

My telephone number is _____


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Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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Thank you again for your interest. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hardy of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Robert C. Baldwin, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Janet Greenip, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Robert R. Neall, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Marsha G. Perry, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. Paul Armstrong, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

Serial #:

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Responding to letter dated: Phone inquiry to N. Hardy

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From: Natalie Hardy
To: jhade
Date: 11/5/98 7:02pm

Hi Jim,

Don't forget I need a date search for the following individuals:

Ms. Donna Glaser
518 Kansal Drive
Annapolis MD 2101

and

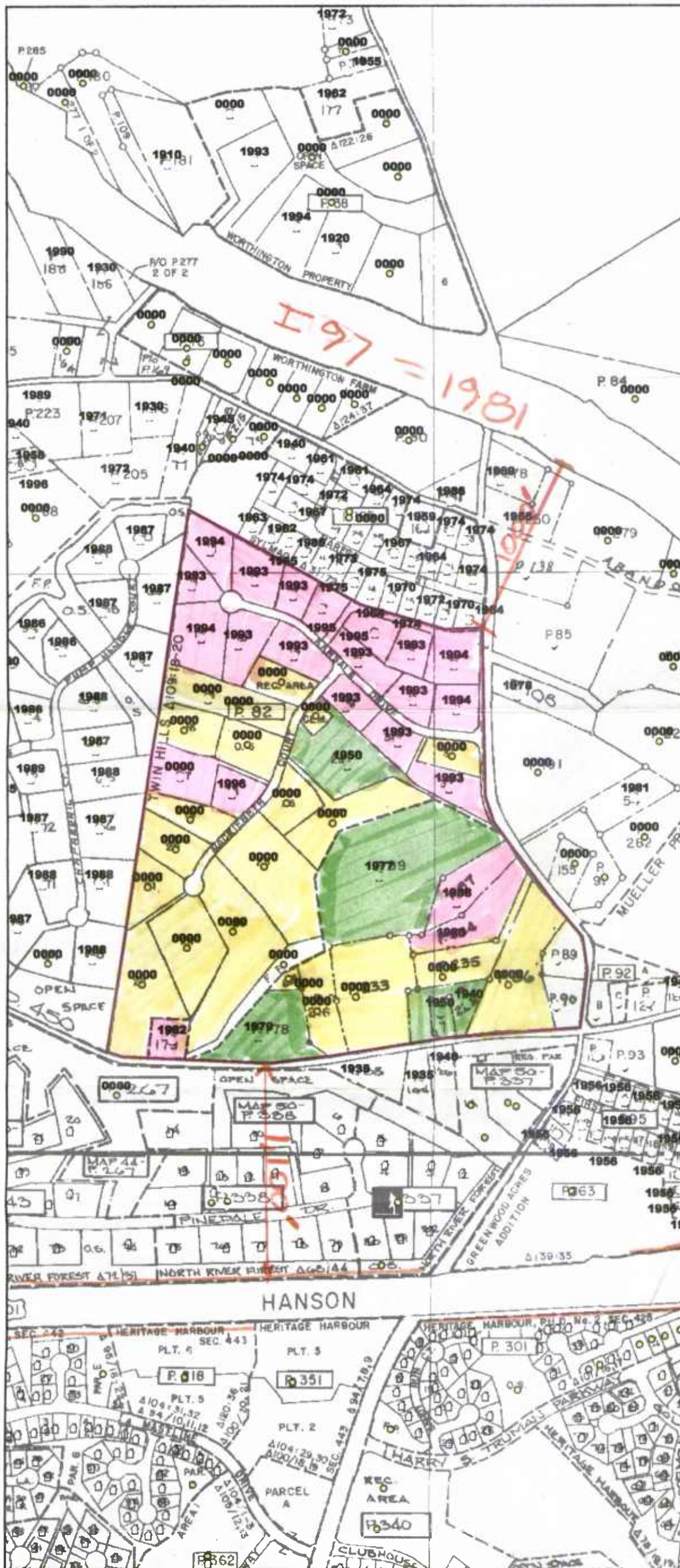
We need to know plans for this area
If know plans we need to begin a date search for the community.

Mr. John Seddon
Eagle Passages Community
the area of Howard Grove Road
Columbia MD 21046

Thanks,

Natalie

House Date Research Site Number: AA-602
Twin Hill Community



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September 29, 1998

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Mr. Harvey Gold
Ms. Dale Gold
7604 Carteret Road
Bethesda MD 20817-2021

Dear Mr. and Ms. Gold:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding construction of a sound barrier for Burning Trees Estates. I appreciate this opportunity to explain how the State's Sound Barrier Program applies to your community.

The Department of Transportation is committed to exploring opportunities to advance funding for the construction of this and other approved sound barriers, and we are doing so as we develop our Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for FY 1999-2004. As we tour the State from now through November, holding public meetings in each county to discuss transportation needs and priorities relative to the draft CTP, and as we clarify our financial situation, we will look for opportunities to advance funding for these barriers. The barrier for the Burning Tree Estates community is in the preliminary design phase. Survey crews will be out in the next several weeks to collect topographical information that will be used in the design development.

Thank you again for your interest in our Sound Barrier Program. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: The Honorable Jean Cryor, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Richard A. LaVay, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Jean W. Roesser, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Mark K. Shriver, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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Ms. Dale Gold
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bcc: Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services, Maryland
Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Harvey and Dale Gold7604 Carteret Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20817-2021

September 12, 1998

Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
P.O. Box 717
Baltimore, Maryland 212030-0717

Dear Mr. Williams:

In your letter of February 17, you acknowledged the fact that the Burning Tree Estates Community qualifies for the construction of sound barriers along IS 495. Governor Glendening's remarks to the press indicated that funding for this project was approved as part of the 1998 budget. As of this date, there is no sign of construction activity. I am both perplexed and disappointed that work has not started on this project. Could you advise us as to what the State Highway Department's timetable is for this project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harvey Gold

Harvey and Dale Gold

cc: Robert Beauregard, Neighborhood Chairperson, Burning Tree Estates Noise Barrier Task Force

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February 17, 1998

Mr. Harvey R. Gold
Ms. Dale J. Gold
7604 Carteret Road
Bethesda MD 20817-2021

Dear Mr. and Ms. Gold:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening as well as your active support for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. The Governor and I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement and he has asked me to respond on his behalf.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. At this time, funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not been identified. We are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will contact you as we work through this need.

Additionally, there are a couple of issues about the construction feasibility of a barrier. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the beltway and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the beltway along another portion of the area and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues and I have asked my staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400

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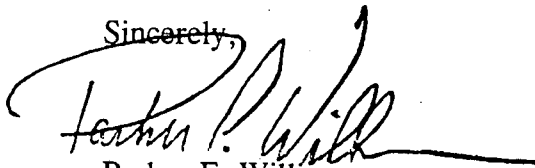
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Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's sound barrier program. The Governor appreciates hearing from you and, on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest that prompted you to write. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Parker F. Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation

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Ms. Dale J. Gold
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT, **Serial: #7929**
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Harvey and Dale Gold
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Bethesda, Maryland 20817-2021

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January 29, 1998

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Governor Parris Glendening
State House
Annapolis, Md 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

It is with great joy, we have read of your announcement that Burning Tree Estates has qualified for noise barriers along IS 495 from Bradley Boulevard to River Road.

We wish to convey to you our sense of urgency in asking for your support for allotting current funds for this project.

When we purchased our home, the beltway consisted of six lanes with a wide median strip containing many plantings to buffer noise. Now there are ten lanes with no median strip and a sound barrier on the opposite side of the beltway which reflects additional noise to our neighborhood. In addition the volume of traffic has doubled during the time we have lived here.

Please help us by fully supporting the allocation of current funds for this vital project.

Sincerely,

Dale J. Gold

Dale J. Gold

Harvey R. Gold

Harvey R. Gold

Members, Burning Tree Estates Noise Barrier Task Force

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
MAIL FORM**

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please investigate the attached and take whatever action is necessary to respond to our constituent concerns. When completed, please forward the response, the original letter and any back-up to the unit indicated below. Also, if there are any questions as to how to respond, please call the unit listed below.

LID : 60885

Receive Date : 2/9/1998

Assign Date : 1/29/1998

Deadline Date : 2/23/1998

Name : Dale J. Gold

7604 Carteret Road

Bethesda, MD 20817-2021

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject : SOUND BARRIER REQUES **Description :** Supports funding for noise barriers in the Capital Budget for the Department of Transportation.

Agency : MDOT**Unit :** DSI**RE-DIRECT INFORMATION**

If the response to this correspondence should be handled by another agency, please complete the following information and forward the completed form and the correspondence to the proper agency. Also, copy the completed form and send the copy to the unit indicated above.

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Date : _____



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening
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April 30, 1998

Mr. Mark Goldberg
7515 Bradley Boulevard
Bethesda, MD 20718

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Thank you for inviting Mr. Charles B. Adams and me into your home to discuss the State Highway Administration's Sound Barrier Policy. We appreciate your community's involvement in this issue.

During the meeting your neighbors asked for the following information:

1. Your community is in State Legislative District 15 and the following persons represent you:

Senator Jean W. Roesser
308 James Senate Office Bldg.
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-841-3169

Delegate Jean Cryor
11700 Ambleside Drive
Potomac, MD 20854
301-858-3052

Delegate Richard A. LaVay
405 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401
410-841-3019

Delegate Mark K. Shriver
10014 Carter Road
Bethesda, MD 20817
410-858-3046

2. The surrounding communities do not meet the date criterion:

<u>Community</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Direction</u>
Roxboro	I-270	East Spur Northbound
Carderock Springs	I-495	Southbound
Stratton Commons	I-270	West Spur Northbound
Grosvenor Woods	I-270	East Spur Southbound
North Bethesda Grove	I-495	Outerloop
Glengary	I-495	Outerloop
Congressional Country Club Estates	I-495	Innerloop from River Road to Persimmon Tree

My telephone number is _____

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Evergreen	I-495	Innerloop between Persimmon Tree Road Seven Locks Road
Orchard Hill	I-270	Southbound
Al Marah	I-495	Innerloop between Cabin John Parkway & River Road
Pooks Hill	I-495	Innerloop between Old Georgetown Road and MD355
Timberlawn/Cloisters	I-270	East Spur from 4000 feet East of MD187 to MD187
Grosvenor Park	I-495	Northbound East Spur 2500 feet North of Grosvenor LN
Windemere/Heritage Walk	I-270	East Spur from Tuckerman Lane to Old Georgetown Road
Academy Woods/Bethesda Place	I-270	Northbound West Spur
Grosvenor Mews	I-270	East Spur Old Georgetown Road to MD355
Bethesda Crescent	I-495	Outerloop South of I-270 West Spur to Bradley Blvd.

3. The name of a contact for the Department of Public Works in Montgomery County:

The Department of Public Works and Transportation
Graham Norton, Director
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, Maryland 20850
301-217-2170

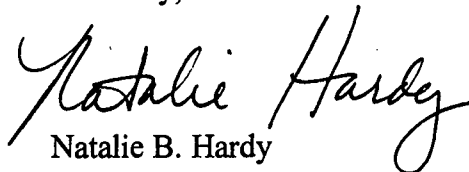
4. Attached is a copy of the noise level reading

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5. It is our practice that when we find that a community does not meet the eligibility date criterion for a sound barrier we do not perform any noise measurement work.

Thank you again for your interest in the noise policy. I hope the above information is useful to you and your neighbors. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please call me at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Natalie B. Hardy
Special Assistant for Noise Abatement

cc: The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater, Member, House of Delegates
The Honorable Nancy Kopp, Member, House of Delegates
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director for the Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway
Administration
James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

May 20, 1998

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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Mr. David A. Goldstein
10504 Pine Haven Terrace
Rockville MD 20852

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Dear Mr. Goldstein:

Thank you for inviting Mr. James Hade, Mr. Kenneth Polcak and me to your community meeting to discuss the State's Sound Barrier Policy. We appreciate your community's involvement in this issue.

During the meeting your neighbors asked for the following information:

- 1. A copy of the noise report before and after the expansion of I-270.**
- 2. An explanation of the future eligibility effects if some form of barrier were built by your neighborhood.**

Enclosed you will find copies of the noise reports. Your community expressed an interest in erecting a fence and had asked "...will such a fence hurt our eligibility for a State-funded barrier in the future?" If your community built a fence, in order to screen the highway, and provide some reduction of noise levels we would evaluate your eligibility for a barrier based upon the criteria in place at the time highway improvements were proposed. If the eligibility criteria were met, then your community would qualify for a barrier.

Thank you again for your interest in the sound barrier program. I hope the information enclosed is useful to you and your neighbors. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please call me at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Natalie B. Hardy
Special Assistant to the Director

cc: The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp, House of Delegates
The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn, House of Delegates
The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater, House of Delegate

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Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway
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Ms. Irene Heline, Secretary, Director of Environment Design, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

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John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

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February 9, 1998

Ronald E. Gots, M.D., Ph.D.
Barbara Ann Gots, M.D.
7707 Cindy Lane
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Drs. Gots:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is (410)- 865-1000

Toll Free Number 1-888-713-1414 TTY For the Deaf: (410) 865-1342

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Ronald E. Gots, M.D., Ph.D
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT (Serial No. 10281 also)
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

Serial: #10392

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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- February 3, 1998 Revised: JD Hade 2/4/98
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BARBARA A. GOTS, M.D.
RONALD E. GOTS, M.D., PH.D.

6001 MONTROSE RD., ROCKVILLE, MD 20852
TELEPHONE 301 - 230-2999

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Please Prepare Response For Secretary's
Signature *Leslie P*

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

David Winstead
Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 8755
Baltimore/Washington International Airport
Maryland 21240

Dear Secretary Winstead:

February 6, 1998

We wanted to thank you for your assistance in our quest for Beltway sound barriers. We recently became eligible for Beltway sound barriers due to the tireless work of Mark Shriver and Jean Cryor. However, we have not yet been funded. We live at the single widest part of the Beltway between Bradley Blvd and River Road. Noise reaches 80 decibels in our backyard, a problem which has grown progressively as the Beltway has widened. Now, we are personally appealing to you to help us in any way that you can to assist in the funding of this project. The noise is intolerable. We are the community which is most affected of any since we are bombarded by 11 lanes of traffic.

Thank you very much for your assistance.



Ronald E. Gots, Md., Ph.D.

Barbara A. Gots, M.D.



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

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Parker F. Williams
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January 29, 1998

Ronald E. Gots, M.D., Ph.D.
Barbara Ann Gots, M.D.
7707 Cindy Lane
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Drs. Gots:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Governor shares your concerns over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of the request for a sound barrier for your area.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing a comprehensive review of the section of the beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road to determine if the area meets the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our revised noise policy. We expect to have the results of our reanalysis soon and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. A copy of a brochure about our sound barrier policy is enclosed for your information.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation

My telephone number is 410-545-8640 or toll free
in Maryland 1-800-446-5962

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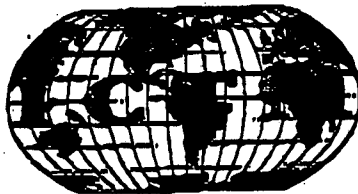
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Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, MDOT, **Serial #7849**
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District 3 Engineer, SHA
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District 3 Engineer, SHA

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

January 10, 1998

Re: Noise barriers River Road to Bradley Blvd

Dear Governor:

We are writing to express our appreciation for your consideration of supporting the construction of noise barriers on our part of the Washington Beltway, between River Road and Bradley Blvd. When we moved in 23 years ago, there were four lanes by our home. Now there are eleven. It is the single widest part of the Beltway and one of few areas without sound barriers. Our house is directly adjacent to the Beltway and noise outside exceeds 80 decibels with regularity. Adding to the noise level was the construction of noise barriers directly across the Beltway from us. Approximately 160 homes are impacted by this stretch of Beltway and we implore you to assist us with this request.


The noise unbearable—80 decibels or more

We are at the widest (eleven lane) section of the Beltway and probably the widest in Baltimore as well.

We are one of the few areas without noise barriers despite the above factors.

Please help us with this. The installation of sound barriers would have a material impact on our quality of life.

Very truly yours,


Ronald E. Gots, M.D., Ph.D.


Barbara Ann Gots, M.D.

7707 Cindy Lane
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

cc: Delegate Mark Shriver
Delegate Jean Cryor
Delegate Richard LaVa
Senator Jean Roesser

From: Claire DeBakey
To: SHADGN (PTroll)
Date: January 29, 1998 (Thursday) 9:10am
Subject: CONSENSUS -Reply -Reply -Reply -Reply -Reply

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No, I would never leap to conclusions . . . if there is a phone # or one is listed with information, I would call and ask, to tell you the truth. Or, just use "Dr. Jane Doe" in the address and "Dear Dr. Doe" in the salutation.



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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March 27, 1998

NOT IN DATABASE

Mr. Peter Greenberg
Ms. Milissa Greenberg
7510 Hamilton Spring Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. and Ms. Greenberg:

In our last letter to you we indicated that, as the result of changes to our sound barrier policy, we were reviewing the community of Carderock Springs to determine whether it met the qualifications for a sound barrier. We have completed our investigation and want to update you on our conclusions.

In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure that State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway in order to be eligible for such a barrier. I regret that, because this community does not meet that criterion, it does not qualify for a State-funded sound barrier.

Thank you again for your patience while we investigated this community's eligibility under the State's Sound Barrier Program. I regret I am unable to provide a positive response. If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation

My telephone number is _____

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech
1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free

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Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Mr. Peter Greenberg
Ms. Milissa Greenberg
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State
Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Sherry Varner, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Rhoda Washington, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State
Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Letter W. 9782
Please prepare background for JOL's review, along a draft response to the Green.
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PARRIS N. GLENDENING
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Ms. Acklima C. Greer
 3 Strongwood Road
 Owings Mills MD 21117

Dear Ms. Greer:

Thank you for your letter regarding a sound barrier for the Cedarmere Community adjacent to I-795 in Baltimore County. I appreciate you sharing your concerns with me, and agree we need to be sensitive to the effects of highway noise.

Quality of life issues, such as sound barriers, have been and continue to be one of the cornerstones of my Administration. Whether it is highway noise or the condition of our neighborhoods, we strive to provide the best quality of living for our citizens. Major investments in sound barriers have been made during the past four years and will continue to be made as we work to provide relief where noise abatement is needed and warranted.

The Maryland Department of Transportation worked with State legislators to develop a sound barrier policy that addresses the needs of adversely affected communities. This policy establishes a set of criteria that communities need to meet in order to qualify for a sound barrier. I recently appointed John Porcari as the new Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, and I have asked him to look into your case. Following his review, I will accept his decision as final.

Most developers and real estate agents are hard-working, honest people, but as in any profession, there are a few who do not always do the right thing. We are working with local governments to ensure that when new residential development is contemplated adjacent to a busy highway, measures are taken to keep noise from negatively affecting the community.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. Secretary Porcari will look into this matter and contact you directly.

Sincerely,

*Parris N. Glendening*Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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cc: Secretary John Porcari, Maryland Department of Transportation

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December 11, 1998

Governor Glendening
100 State Circle
State House
Annapolis Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

I will not stop writing until something is done about this awful situation that is disturbing and annoying to so many residents in Maryland. I keep getting letters from people stating there is nothing that can be done in the Cedemere Community in reference to sound barriers. You as Governor need to take care of this problem. It is not fair for so many residents of Maryland to purchase homes and then be unhappy. These people are not unhappy because they want to but because they were lied to by people who are just interested in making a commission. I can understand if there was a cosmetic problem with a house that can be fixed but a major problem like noise from the beltway is unacceptable; especially, when you don't know it is something to look for when purchasing a home. I often wonder why people are so dishonest just to make a commission.

You need to think about the many people who are in this situation and can't rest at night. What do you think we go through during the day when we are so tired because of not getting the proper rest? I was wondering if you have this type of problem. Do you get a good night's rest? Do you hear cars, trucks and motorcycles all during the night? If you don't, just to let you know it is what many residents of Maryland go through every night.

Please respond.

Sincerely,

Acklima C. Greer

Acklima C. Greer
3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

From: "OGMD.APl.corrw" <corrww@gov.state.md.us>
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Date: Mon, Dec 14, 1998 4:04 PM
Subject: Gov. Corr. - Greer - Letter ID 71774

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LID: 71774
Receive Date: 12/14/1998

Letter Date: 12/12/1998
Deadline Date: 12/28/1998

Name: Ms. Ackilma Greer
3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

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9731*

Subject: NOISE BARRIERS

Description: Requests noise barriers for neighborhood. (Cedemere Community)

Agency: MDOT

UNIT: DSI

CC: NOCPD.GWIA("mdot.state.md.us.jweeks@gov.state.md.u...

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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
MDOT - SHERRY VARNER - MS 255
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 12/15/98 /slv SERIAL#: 9731

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 12/15/98

FROM: Greer, Acklilma 12/12/98

RE: REQUESTS NOISE BARRIERS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD
CEDEMERE COMMUNITY

RESPOND BY: 12/21/98

- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
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ASSIGNED TO: AdamsDATE: 12-15-98TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 12-17-98

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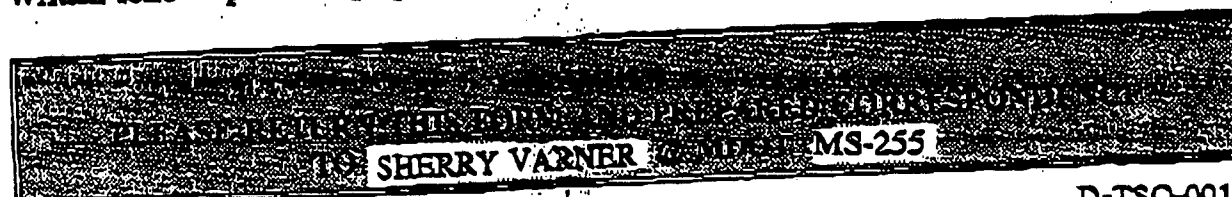
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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
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REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 01/06/99 /jaw SERIAL#: 9782

DATE: 01/06/99

TO: WILLIAMS

FROM: GREER, ACKLIMA C 12/28/98

RE: CEDARMERE COMMUNITY NOISE BARRIERS

RESPOND BY: 01/08/99

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- ☐ PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

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ASSIGNED TO: C Adams DATE: 1-6-99
TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 1-7-99
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TO SHERRY VARNER MS-255

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Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

November 23, 1998

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

Ms. Acklima Charlotte Greer
3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills MD 21117

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Dear Ms. Greer:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding the reconsideration of a sound barrier for the Cedarmere community adjacent to the Northwest Expressway (I-795). The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

The State recognizes that high levels of traffic noise can adversely impact residents adjacent to highways. One of the main reasons that Maryland has undertaken its Sound Barrier Program is to improve the quality of life in our older communities, which either preceded the original highway or where significant capacity improvements to the highway have occurred. The needs of all citizens are considered, but we have had to establish a framework within which barriers will be approved where the technical criteria are met.

In your letter you asked several questions, which I would like to respond to. You asked about the process for getting a noise ordinance in Baltimore County. The responsibility of preparing this document lies with the County. Currently, Baltimore County is looking into this issue. Mr. Tim Dugan, Chief of Planning Services, is the contact in Baltimore County. You may wish to contact him directly at 410-887-3211 to share your concerns. Also, I have enclosed a copy of the State's brochure on our "Sound Barrier" Program, which explains in detail criteria needed to be eligible for a barrier.

You also asked, from where the money for sound barriers comes. Type II barriers are funded with Federal Highway funds and a 20 percent county match. These funds come to Maryland on an annual basis from the Federal tax on fuel purchased in Maryland. The issue of highway noise impacts is important to us, which has resulted in more than a \$60 million commitment to sound barriers over the next six years. There does, however, have to be ground rules, because we could not expect to be able to afford barriers in all of the locations we receive requests. This is the reason for the emphasis on those communities that were built before the highway or prior to major highway expansions.

It is unfortunate that you were not aware of the presence of noise from I-795 at the time you made the decision to purchase your home. Though you hear noise from this highway, the maximum level of 65 decibels measured by the State Highway Administration (SHA) is below the impact threshold as was previously reported to you. Of a greater significance is that the majority of homes in your area of the community were built after the approval date of I-795 and are not eligible for consideration for a sound barrier unless there would be future expansion of the highway.

My telephone number is 410-865-1000

Toll Free Number 1-888-713-1414 TTY For the Deaf: 410-865-1342

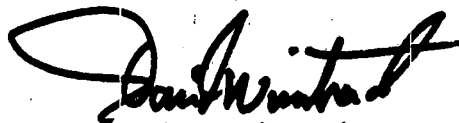
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Thank you again for your letter. I regret that I can not offer you a positive response. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Finifter, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Tim Dugan, Chief of Planning Services, Baltimore County

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bcc: Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
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Ms. Natalie Hardy, Special Assistant to the Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Eric G. Madden, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Mr. David Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Ms. Linda Singer, Special Assistant to the District Engineer, State Highway
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November 9, 1998

Governor Glendening
100 State Circle
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

The eligibility criteria for sound barriers have been clearly explained to me. What I don't understand is nothing is being done to help these people who are suffering because of the vociferous noise from the highways.

I understand that the noise level has to be above 66 and I understand that the noise level in my community is below 66, it is 65. What is the difference between 66 and 65, it is one. This means that the people in the community with a noise level of 65 are suffering just as much as the ones who have a noise level of 66. Do you think that because the noise level is one point below the requirement for sound barriers that it doesn't affect the lives of people? Think again!

If our community doesn't have a local noise ordinance that addresses noise impacts of proposed developments next to State highway, don't you think that you should try and get one for our community? How do you go about getting a noise ordinance for a county? Who should be involved in trying to get a noise ordinance for Baltimore County so that state funding can be available for sound barriers?

Governor Glendening, you are telling this community who is suffering from the noise of highway 795 that we will not get sound barriers without even looking at the situation. When you were campaigning for Governor, you took time to visit many communities telling the people how much you cared for them, how much you want to help them, how you want to make a difference, and how much you want to do for them. Now that you are in office, has that all been changed, you will not even take the time to visit our community to find out exactly what's going on and what the people are going through. ✓

I guess the beltway noise doesn't involve a football stadium or other sports facility so it is of no importance to you at all. You claim there is no money, but there is money to build stadiums and the roads for these facilities, where is the money coming from? I guess the citizens who pay taxes and who have to put up with noise from the beltway is not a priority to you as sports facilities are.

I think you need to take the time to visit some of these communities and see what we have to put up with. You need to do something about this situation — just don't push it aside.

Again, to re-emphasize to you, when these homeowners bought these houses, we did not, did not know about the beltway noise and we were not told about it. Do you think that a homeowner would purchase a home and be miserable and unhappy? Real Estate agents are not very honest people and I really don't blame them because homeowners do not want to live in this type of situation, they just want to sell and once they sell, the next homeowner will be unhappy and it goes on and on. So, why not just take care of the situation.



Governor Glendening
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Instead of just pushing this situation aside, why don't you take the time to help make the situation better? You need to do what you said you would do while campaigning, you know, to help citizens who need your help.

I would appreciate if you could respond to this letter within two weeks, November 23, 1998.

Sincerely,

Acklina C. Greer
Acklina C. Greer

3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
410-332-6971 (work) 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
410-363-4708 (home) after 5:00 pm

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From: "OGMD.API.comgw" <comgw@gov.state.md.us>
To: MDOHQPD.ELMRDPO1(svamer)
Date: Tue, Nov 10, 1998 3:28 PM
Subject: Gov. Corr. - Greer - Letter ID 69292

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LID: 69292
Receive Date: 11/10/1998

Letter Date: 11/09/1998
Deadline Date: 11/24/1998

Name: Acklima C. Greer
3 Strongwood Rd.
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Subject: SOUND BARRIER REQUEST

Description: Requests noise barriers in the neighborhood of Baltimore County.

Agency: MDOT

UNIT: DSI

CC: NOCPD.GWIA("mdot.state.md.us, jweeks@gov.state.md.u...

Phil

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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
MDOT - SHERRY VARNER - MS 255
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 11/10/98 /slv SERIAL#: 9598

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 11/10/98

FROM: Greer, Acklima 11/09/98

RE: REQUESTS NOISE BARRIERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF
BALTIMORE COUNTY

RESPOND BY: 11/17/98

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ASSIGNED TO: C. AdamsDATE: 11-10-98TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 11-16-98 5:00

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RESPONSE PREPARED BY: Phil Troll

(Name / Telephone / Date)

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11/13/98

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Date: _____

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Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

Parris N. Glendening
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David L. Winstead
Secretary

John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

November 5, 1998

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Ms. Acklima C. Greer
3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills MD 21117

Dear Ms. Greer:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Cedarmere community adjacent to I-795. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

It appears from your letter the eligibility criteria for sound barriers may not have been clearly explained in your discussions with representatives of the State Highway Administration (SHA). To be eligible for a barrier, the majority of the impacted homes in a community must have been built before the approval date of the highway, noise levels must equal or exceed 66 decibels, and we must be able to build an effective barrier for a reasonable cost. According to our records, your home was built after the 1977-approval date for I-795 and therefore would not qualify for a sound barrier.

The measurements taken by SHA indicate current noise levels are lower than the 66 decibel impact threshold. Noise levels are measured on the Leq or equivalent noise scale and represent an average of all of the noise during the measurement period, including noise above and below the 66 decibel level. This is the standard used throughout the country in accordance with Federal requirements. You indicated you took measurements yourself, though it is unclear if these were made on the Leq scale. It may be that the meter you used displayed individual noise levels rather than the average of all of the noise. If so, this would account for the difference between your measurements and those taken by SHA.

Assuming a community meets the technical criteria for a sound barrier, the county in which the community is located must have a local noise ordinance that addresses noise impacts on proposed new developments next to State highways. Such an ordinance must be in place before State funding will be considered. At this time, Baltimore County does not have a noise ordinance, and no new sound barriers will be approved in that county until an acceptable ordinance has been enacted. Four counties--Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's--currently have such ordinances. For that reason, we are able to consider State funding for barriers in those counties, provided our technical criteria are met. An additional requirement is that the county in which a qualifying community is located must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

My telephone number is 410-865-1000.

Toll Free Number 1-888-713-1414 TTY For the Deaf 410-865-1342

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Based on the information gathered by SHA, we cannot consider a sound barrier for your area because the homes in your part of the community postdate the approval of the highway. Even if they did not do so, the noise levels are below the established impact threshold. Although I recognize you and your family do hear noise from I-795, which disturbs you, we are unable to approve barriers where all of our technical criteria are not met.

Thank you again for your letter. I regret I cannot offer you a positive response. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
MDOT - SHERRY VARNER - MS 255
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 10/21/98 /slv SERIAL#: 9542

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 10/21/98

FROM: GREER, ACKLIMA 10/20/98

RE: FOLLOW UP LETTER REGARDING NOISE BARRIERS IN
OWINGS MILLS

RESPOND BY: 10/26/98

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ASSIGNED TO: Charlie AdamsDATE: 10-21-98TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 10-23-98

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RESPONSE PREPARED BY: Fred Eisen

(Name / Telephone / Date)

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PROOFREAD BY: CBH 10/24/98

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October 20, 1998

Governor Glendening
100 State Circle
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

Governor Glendening, on July 30, 1998, I wrote you about the situation of noise arising from beltway 795 and the affect it's having on our community and I have not received a response from you. Again, I am asking you to help our community get the sound burriers which is desperately needed. It is difficult, very difficult living in a situation like this.

A noise test was recently done by Fred Eisen of the State Highway Administration in the community that I live in; which is located in Owings Mills, Maryland. Unfortunately, the result of the test was not what we expected.

The results of the test that was done on September 2, 1998 registered between 57 to 65 decibels, which did not meet the requirements for sound barriers. The requirement is above 66 decibels; we were one decibel away. According to Mr. Eisen, even if the test read 66 decibels or above, he made it very clear there were no monies available for sound barriers in our community, so the residents of our community have to suffer. Again, my house backs up to 795 and the noise is very loud. Most of the residents that live in this community were not told about the noise from beltway 795 when they purchased their homes

After the test was done, I spoke to Mr. Eisen and told him that I believe the readings should have been higher. The reason I am saying this, when Mr. Eisen came to my house to set up the equipment, it was about 9:00 am, at that time, the reading registered 72 decibels and Mr. Eisen told me that he had no doubt the readings would be in our favor. However, during the 24 hour period of testing (including rush the hour) not one time did the reading registered more than 65 decibels. Mr. Eisen said because the reading was no more than 65 decibels, we will not get sound barriers. Again, he stated that if the readings did registered above 66 decibels, monies were not available for our community.

Mr. Eisen mentioned that Montgomery and Howard Counties were approved for sound barriers. I would like to know what the results of their readings were and why some counties get approved for sound barriers and some don't.

The noise generated from beltway 795 is very disturbing to our community and the traffic is increasing daily because 795 is being used from people who live in several other communities. I have been dealing with the State Highway Administration since June of 1998 and I have gotten no were. According to the State Highway Administration, nothing can be done about this situation. I know they are aware of the situation because some of these houses were there before the beltway was built. In this community, there are some townhouses that were there before 795 was built and a small sound barrier was put up behind the townhouses which does not help them because of the increase of traffic. I know several families have complained but gave up because of getting no where. I know families have left the neighborhood because of this problem. You have families like mine who were not aware and were not told about the noise problem when we purchased our homes. What do you think we should do? We cannot afford to move. People are moving out of this community because of the noise problem and the new families that are moving in and are not being told about the noise problem. what should do?

Arlima C. Greer
3 Springwood Road
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

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Governor Glendening
100 State Circle
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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July 30, 1998

Governor Glendening
100 State Circle
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

My name is Acklima C. Greer and I would like to inform you of a problem that many homeowners have to face in Baltimore County, see below.

In February of 1998, my husband and I purchased a home in Owings Mills, Maryland. When we first looked at the house, we fell in love with it. It was the house we wanted and it also had everything we wanted in a house. We plan to spend the rest of our lives in this house. However, when we purchased this home, we were not informed by anyone (selling agent or the previous homeowners) about the noise we would hear from Beltway 795, this home backs up to Beltway 795. The noise was not apparent to us when we looked at the house and since we had not lived near a beltway before, we had no idea that beltway noise was something we had to look for. We detected the noise after moving into the home. Since the master bedroom is closest to Beltway 795, it is very difficult to get any rest. The noise at times can be very unbearable. I think we should have been told about this PROBLEM.

After I moved into my home and detected the noise problem, I spoke to some of the neighbors and they informed me that they were not told about the beltway noise either, the noise became apparent to them after moving into the house.

I think that homebuilders and Real Estate Agents should be made to tell homebuyers about beltway noise and what to expect. Homes are being built too close to the beltway and people are not being informed about the noise. Homeowners don't usually find out about beltway noise problem until they have lived in the house and then it is too late to do anything.

This problem is very unfair to homebuyers. What can we do? What do you suggest we do? It is the worse feeling in the world to think that you have found and purchased the house that you want and then find out that you would be hearing BELTWAY NOISE AS LONG AS YOU LIVE.

Governor Glendening, you must do something about this situation. You should make sure builders don't build so close to the beltway. There should be some type of policy/law that prohibits these builders from building so close to the BELTWAY because it can be damaging to homeowners and their families.

I would like you to know that I have called several State Offices. I have been transferred to many different numbers. I have been hung up on. State employees, at times, are not very nice to people. After I have been through all the above, I was transferred to a Mr. Palcak, State Highway Administration. I spoke to him in reference to noise barriers being put up on 795. He said that they had to research the problem and get back with me. As of this date Thursday, July 30, 1998, I have gotten no response from anyone at the State Highway Administration. Please see the attached document of how many calls, how many different people that I have contacted and still no results.



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

September 21, 1998

Ms. Acklima Charlotte Greer
3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills MD 21117

Dear Ms. Greer:

I appreciate the opportunity to forward a copy of the 24-hour noise measurement study. Thank you for allowing us onto your property to take noise measurements.

One of the basic eligibility criterion under our Type I program requires that a community's noise measurements meet or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels (dBA). The noise measurements taken in your back yard showed a maximum noise level of 65. The enclosed chart indicates the noise levels ranged between 57 and 65 dBA. Since the noise impact threshold has not been met we cannot consider a sound barrier for your community.

Thank you again for your interest. I regret that I am unable to offer a positive response to your request. A copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy is enclosed for your information. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, Team Leader for Noise Abatement at (410) 545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

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**3 STRONGWOOD COURT
MS. AKLIMA GREER**

24-HOUR NOISE MEASUREMENT STUDY

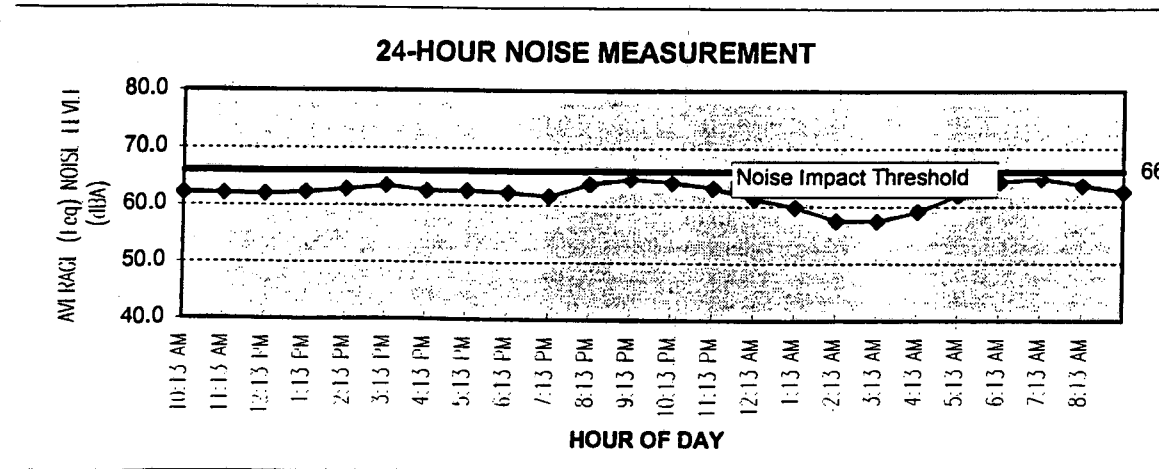
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 Location: 3 Strongwood Ct. Community of Cedarmere

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Sub-interval length (min.) - 15
 Number of sub-intervals/hour - 4

Interval	Sub-interval Leq				Hourly Leq
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8:13 PM	63.3	64.0	63.7	64.2	63.8
9:13 PM	64.5	64.8	64.9	64.6	64.7
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11:13 PM	63.6	63.5	62.7	62.8	63.2
12:13 AM	61.7	61.3	61.3	60.9	61.3
1:13 AM	60.7	60.1	59.6	58.8	59.9
2:13 AM	58.2	57.3	57.8	56.5	57.5
3:13 AM	57.1	57.8	57.9	56.8	57.4
4:13 AM	58.8	58.7	59.4	59.6	59.1
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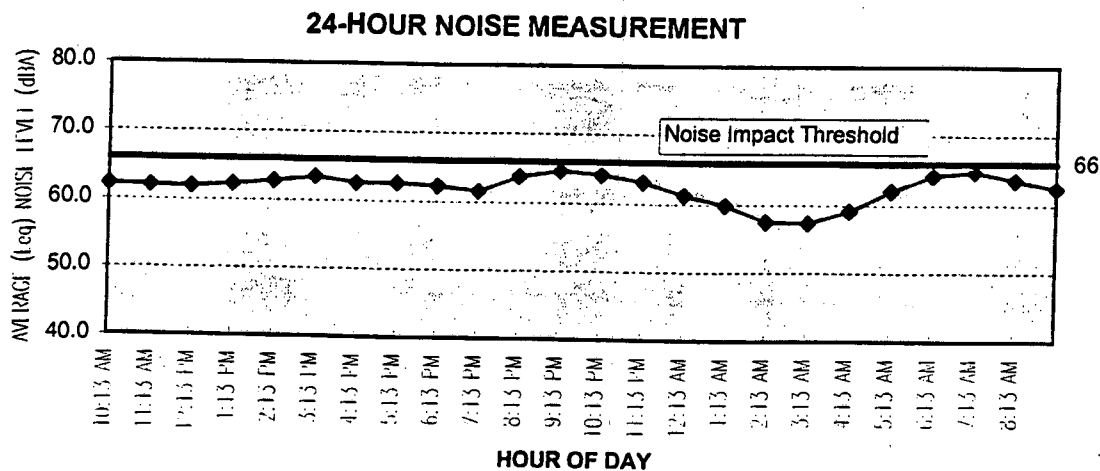
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August 24, 1998

Ms. Acklima Charlotte Greer
3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills MD 21117

Dear Ms. Greer:

This is a follow up to your August 14 telephone conversation with Mr. Fred Eisen, of our Noise Abatement Team. I appreciate the opportunity to confirm plans for noise monitoring you requested.

As was agreed in your conversation with Mr. Eisen, you will inform him the week of August 24 of the time and date you would like to have the noise monitoring performed. Mr. Eisen will perform the noise monitoring if weather conditions permit. The monitoring needs to be performed on a day when no precipitation is predicted for a 24 hour period and winds are less than 10 miles per hour. These conditions would cause distortions in the noise measurements. In the event that conditions do not allow Mr. Eisen to perform the measurements, he will call you to reschedule.

Thank you for your patience. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, who can be reached at 410 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design

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August 12, 1998

Mr. Parker Williams
Administrator of State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Williams:

On Friday, July 31, 1998, I received a letter, dated July 29th, from you and Mr. Hade in reference to the noise problem that homeowners are having from Beltway 795. In the letter, it stated someone would contact me within two weeks to inform me of the noise test that needs be done. It is August 12th and I haven't heard from anyone in reference to scheduling a date for the noise test. Is it possible for you to look into this situation and get back with me by August 24th?

Mr. Williams, please consider an invitation to come to my home and listen to what we have to hear every day and every night.

I appreciate and thank you for anything that you could do to assist me in getting this noise test done.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Acklima C. Greer
Acklima C. Greer
3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
410-363-4708 (home)
410-332-6971 (work)



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

from the desk of

8/14/98. NATALIE BARNES HARDY

Update

Fred talked with Ms. Greer about
her noise measurements.

Cur. w/FE.

- She requested that SHA
Come out the week of Aug. 24th.

- She will call when she would
like him to come out.
Fred

- Fred informed her about the wind/
rain when measuring.

I'll send an email to Jim regarding
this.

Natalie

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TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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July 29, 1998

Ms. Acklima C. Greer
3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Dear Ms. Greer:

Thank you for your recent letters about highway noise along I-795 in the Baltimore County community of Cedarmere. I appreciate the opportunity to answer the questions in your letters to me and to Mr. James D. Hade.

When I-795 was constructed, a sound barrier system was built to reduce noise levels for the homes in the community located closest to I-795. The barrier consists of an earth berm and a 10 foot high wooden sound wall. This system is providing seven decibels of reduction for the townhomes along Cedarmere Circle. These are the homes that were determined to need noise protection as a result of the construction of I-795. It was not anticipated that homes farther from the highway would experience noise levels above the impact threshold of 66 decibels. This does not mean that you and other residents of the community do not hear noise generated from I-795.

You asked why builders are given permits to build houses close to the highway. The approval of new development is the responsibility of each County. In recognition that the control of noise in residential areas can effectively be addressed through prevention, staff of the State Highway Administration have been in contact with a number of local governments, including Baltimore County, to discuss the need for local controls that address highway noise impacts on future developments. Our Sound Barrier Policy requires a county to have such controls in place before funding for new sound barriers is considered. Any specific questions you may have regarding zoning regulations in Baltimore County can be directed to Mr. Arnold F. Keller, Director of the Office of Planning for Baltimore County, at 410-887-3211.

The homes on Tollgate Road and Pleasant Hill Road were studied during the design of I-795. It was determined that while a sound barrier would provide noise attenuation, the cost of a barrier would exceed \$40,000 per residence, our maximum cost at the time for sound barriers. Consequently, barriers were not built for that community. The relevant pages from the January 27, 1977 Environmental Impact Document you had requested are enclosed.

My telephone number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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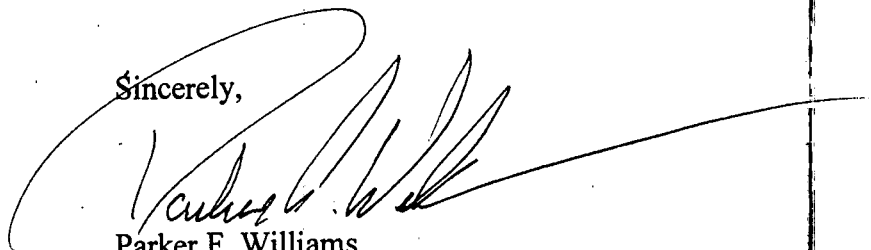
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July 29, 1998
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Staff from the Office of Environmental Design will arrange to take a 24 hour noise measurement to compare with the prediction results in the previous Type I analysis. This will be coordinated with you within the next two weeks.

Thank you again for your patience while we investigated your concerns. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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July 21, 1998

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Mr. Parker F. Williams
Administrator of State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have been speaking to Mr. Hade about a problem that I have and he suggested that I write you. I have gone over this problem with both Mr. Ken Palcak and Mr. Jim Hade. Please see the attached letter that I sent Mr. Hade, a memo that I have detailed with information since June 9th and a copy of an article from the Owings Mills Times.

I would appreciate a copy of any documents you have as to when Beltway 795 was built, I have tried to get this information from both Mr. Palcak and Mr. Hade.

I am sure you are aware that dealing with the Highway Administration Office is not an easy thing, the employees are just not concerned and citizens are passed around from one person to another.

Problem:

In February of 1998, my husband and I purchased a home in Owings Mills, Maryland; the address is 3 Strongwood Road. When I purchased this home, I was not told by the selling agent or by the previous homeowners about the noise from vehicles on Beltway 795. I had not lived near the beltway before and the beltway noise was not something we looked for. I feel that we should have been told about the noise, but we were not.

Since I have already purchased this home, is there anything that could be done such as noise barriers. The noise is a constant problem, daily.

I would appreciate if you could get back to me within seven days with any information that I requested (which will be July 28, 1998.)

Please let me know, as soon as possible, if you are not the person that I should be speaking to.

Sincerely,

Acklima C. Greer

Acklima C. Greer
3 Strongwood Road
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
410-363-4708 (Home) after 5:00 pm
410-332-6971 (Work) 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

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June 24, 1998

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Mr. Jim Hay, Acting Team Leader
Noise Abatement Team
State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Hay:

Per our conversation on June 16, 1998, see below for the problem that we discussed:

In February of 1998, I purchased a home in Owings Mills, Maryland; the address is 3 Strongwood Road. As I mentioned to you on the phone, when I purchased this home, I was not told by the selling agent or by the previous homeowners about the noise from vehicles on Beltway 795. As I told you, since I had not lived near the beltway before, the beltway noise was not something we looked for. We should have been told about the noise, but we were not. As a matter of fact, the previous owner, Mr. Caplan told us, you could not hear anything from the outside once you were inside the home. That statement is NOT TRUE. We had no idea that beltway noise could be so disturbing, so troublesome and so annoying to homeowners. Mr. Hay, you must know about the beltway noise and how it affects homeowners.

Here are some of my questions: Why are builders being given permits to build houses that are so close to the beltway? Why are homeowners not being told about the noise from vehicles on the beltway? What must a homeowner do once they purchase a home near the beltway and then discover the noise?

I am sure you know that once a family purchase a home and then discover the noise, they are stuck because they can't afford to move. When homeowners purchase a home and have put all of their savings into the home, they become very frustrated and angry, because this is the home that they are planning to spend the rest of their lives in. Beltway noise is a problem and it is not fair to homeowners who do not know such a problem exist and that it will make you're their lives miserable.

I asked you if there is anything that could be done, such as noise barriers, you said you would research the problem and get back to me within two weeks, which will be June 30, 1998.

Just for your information, I drove around the neighborhood and discovered that there are a few homes on Tollgate that back up to Beltway 795 and also a few homes on Pleasant Hill that are very close to 795. These homes are older and have been there before 795 was built. My question is this: Are these homeowners suppose to suffer and bear the noise daily? What about new homeowners when they purchase a home and are not told about the problem, what are WE suppose to do?

Please respond, thank you.

Sincerely,

Acklima C. Greer

Acklima Charlotte Greer

3 Strongwood Road

Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

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I started calling the State Administration Office on June 9, 1998, see below:

Tuesday, June 9, 1998, after many phone calls I was transferred to Mr. Ken Palcak. I told Mr. Palcak that in February of 1998 I purchased a home that is located at 3 Strongwood Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117. I told him that when my husband and I purchased the home, the selling agent or the previous homeowners mentioned nothing about the noise from Beltway 795. I told him the noise is a big problem since the master bedroom backs up to 795 and resting at nights is very difficult. I asked him if there was a possibility of getting noise barriers. He said he will research the problem and call me back either Wednesday, June 10 or Thursday, June 11.

June 10th, since I hadn't heard from Mr. Palcak, I called him. He said, he was still researching the problem and he would get back to me later on the same day.

June 11th, I did not hear from Mr. Palcak, so I called him. He said, he was not able to get all the information and that he needed some more time. He promised that he would get back with me today.

June 12th, Mr. Palcak called me and said he located some of the information. He said he is going to talk to his boss, Mr. Hade, and see if more study can be done. He will get back with me on Tuesday, June 16 or Wednesday, June 17th.

June 16th, I called Mr. Palcak and he was not available. Mr. Jim Hade answered the phone and I told him that I had been speaking to Mr. Palcak about the noise problem from beltway 795. I went through the whole thing again. He said he would research the problem, find document on when 795 was built, etc. and get back with me in two weeks which will be June 30th.

On June 24th, I sent Mr. Hade a letter about the situation; I didn't want him to forget.

June 30th, Mr. Hade returned my call as promised. Mr. Hade mentioned that he is still researching and is going on vacation for a few days and will be returning on July 8th. While he was on vacation, he will assign the problem to Fred Eisen and Jim will call me when he gets back on July 8th. Although Mr. Hade tried to answer my questions, he didn't seem to be concerned. He made me feel that the problem is the homeowners' fault and we should have checked everything out. Below are some of the questions I asked Mr. Hade in my letter to him:

- Q. Why are builders being given permits to build houses that are so close to the beltway?
- A. Builders are given permits to build houses that are very close to the beltway because it is not against the law in Baltimore County. (I am sure not one builder lives close to the beltway).
- Q. Why are homeowners not being told about the noise from vehicles on the beltway?
- A. Homeowners who are selling their homes are not required to inform buyers of the beltway noise.
- Q. What must a homeowner do once they purchase a home near the beltway and then discover the noise?
- A. People who are looking for homes need to look at everything including beltway noise, even if they don't know anything about it.
- Q. Is there anything that could be done, such as noise barriers?
- A. They are not required to put up noise barriers if homes are built after the beltway was built. Mr. Hade stated that they do not want to be in the business of putting up noise barriers.

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I stated to Mr. Hade that I pay taxes and if I had a problem such as beltway noise, something should be done, he stated that it was the gas taxes that pay for noise barriers, well I have two cars and have been buying gas for awhile. Again, Mr. Hade was not concerned and made me feel like, you bought the house, you suffer.

Mr. Hade should be getting back to me on July 8th with some information. He was researching to see if a noise test can be done, when beltway 795 was built, and how many homes were there before beltway 795.

July 8th, Mr. Hade didn't call.

July 9th, Mr. Hade didn't call; I called him and left a message on his voice mail.

July 10th, Mr. Hade didn't return my call; I called him and left a message on his voice mail.

July 13th, still no response from Mr. Hade. I called him. He had no information that I requested. He did tell me he would try to get a noise level test done, no promises. He promise to send a letter by Tuesday, July 22nd. He also suggested that I send a letter to Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator of State Highway Administration.

Mapping out a plan to put brakes on Owings Mills traffic

BY KEESBY WEBSTER

Projection for the year 2020: Owings Mills, Md. and its surrounding communities will have 100,000 residents.

That's twice the number of people currently residing in northwest Baltimore County. This means more people and more people driving from place to place.

The solution: More new roads and more people using public transportation.

These are the results of a two-year transportation study completed last February by the county's Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning.

"The county must balance transportation infrastructure with development activity," the report states.

"If this balance is not struck and if development outpaces transportation infrastructure, the forecast indicates that a major portion of the area's road network will be in gridlock by the year 2020."

The \$60,000 study, funded by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, and which looks to the year 2020, has determined that roads recommended in the 1989 Master Plan need to be built to ease off congestion.

The study, which will be incorporated in the county's

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Market Plan 2010 due out this fall, he to make sure the road system is up with area growth.

Using the Owings Mills Traffic Study, the survey actually includes more than Owings Mills. Roads included reached as far north as Worthington Avenue above Clydesdale, down to Liberty Road in Randallstown and east to Old Court Road in Pikesville.

A study was completed in February, but Hines, a traffic engineer with the county Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning, said the only changes expected to be made to the draft prior to inclusion in the Master Plan would be to add more detailed graphics.

Alternatives to driving

The study is part of a series of similar studies of the county's major population centers. Traffic is now working on one for Towson.

The study uses projected population figures, the number of households and employment centers for the transportation system in the area to forecast the traffic volume.

This information was plugged into a computerized traffic forecasting model to determine needed road improvements and where construction will be needed. Using the demographic information, the model calculates the number of trips to destinations

travel demand, then determines likely destinations.

The study states that construction of the Dulfield Boulevard interchange at I-795 will be key to the success of the Owings Mills transportation network.

If the interchange isn't constructed, the report states, there will be enough traffic to warrant additional lanes on

Painters Mill Road, Owings Mills Boulevard, Franklin Boulevard and Reisterstown Road north of the Beltway.

The report also recommends:

- extending Red Run Boulevard to McDonough Road;

- widening Owings Mills Boulevard between Red Run Boulevard and Lyons Mill Road;

- extending Owings Mills Boulevard from Lyons Mill Road to Liberty Road.

Even with the road improvements, the report recommends using measures such as carpooling, telecommuting, alternative work schedules, and increased transit service to reduce the amount of peak period, single-occupant, suburban traffic.

Numbers higher than expected

Hines said the study is the first to be done in the Owings Mills area since the early 1980s.

"Since then, growth has accelerated far greater than the 1980s study projected," Hines said. "That study estimated the population in 2003 would be slightly more than 20,000,

but the actual population in 1991 was 23,310."

He said the projections in the study done in the 1980s are off the mark because developments planned at the time is far from the reality of what has been built.

"In the original Owings Mills Town Center plan, (what is now) T. Rowe Price was supposed to be a residential parcel for 600 dwelling units," Hines said.

If the area had become residential there would be only 6,000 daily vehicle trips in the area instead of the 16,000 that come through the area now, Hines said.

Another significant change in the area since the 1980s study was done are plans for the Owings Mills Metro Center proposed for 125,000 square feet of retail space, a 250-room hotel, and 750 houses, Hines said. This has the potential to increase car trips around the town center from less than 30,000 daily to more than 100,000 daily in the year 2020.

Despite that, Hines said the study's recommendations for road construction aren't much different from that


included in the 1989 Master Plan. Except that some roads proposed in 1989 have been eliminated.

"We aren't proposing anything new, we just want to keep what is left," Hines said.

The county has already discarded plans for four improvements that were in the 1989 Master Plan. Originally Dulfield Boulevard was also going to be extended from Reisterstown Road to the northern part of Owings Mills Boulevard in Clydesdale. Owings Mills Boulevard would have connected to Worthington Avenue, and Liberty Road was going to be expanded to five lanes.

While Hines hasn't been holding public meetings on the recommendations for community groups, he said in the past people in the area have been opposed to both road construction and expansion of public transportation.

"When I began the study, people said they didn't want to see any more roads," Hines said. "But I can't be good conscience and recommend more roads when I see the developments that is going to occur."



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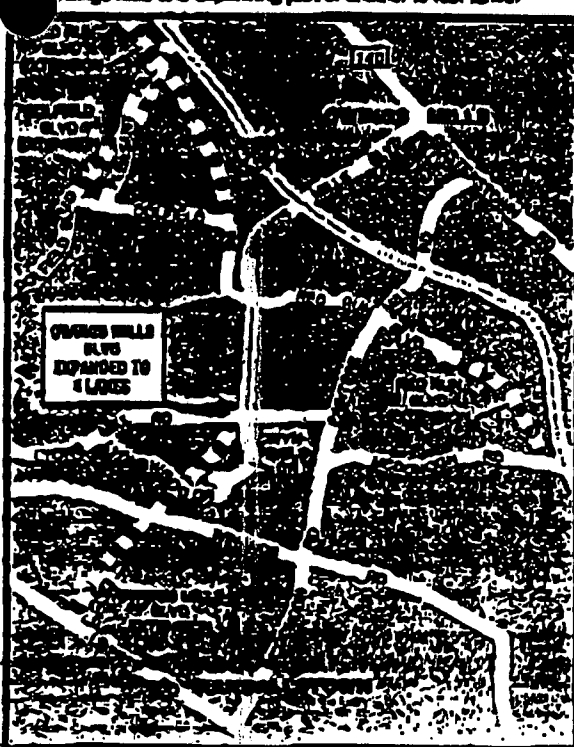
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TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL Marketgoers can see the fruits of the labors of local growers during the Owings Mills Farmers Market open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday through September at Owings Mills Town Center.

STAFF PHOTO BY ANTHONY J. HINES

PAVING WAY FOR ROAD EXPANSIONS

County traffic bureau study recommends extending three roads Owings Mills and expanding part of another to four lanes.



CONCEPT MAP OF OWINGS MILLS TOWN CENTER AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BY ELLERRE GROUP

Owings Mills Times, July 9, 1998



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October 28, 1998

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Dear Mr. Gregory:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitment is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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July 23, 1998

Mr. Francis Gregory
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Dear Mr. Gregory:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf, and I appreciate this opportunity to update you on the subject of noise abatement for this community.

A number of people in the community have written letters with a variety of questions. At the June 8 public meeting, a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to provide answers to the questions raised. This information is currently being gathered to respond to those requests, including yours. A response will be forwarded to you within the next several weeks.

Thank you again for your interest in our Sound Barrier Program. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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Governor Parris Glendening
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
March 23, 1998

Dear Governor Glendening:

I am a resident of Longford North, a community consisting of 200 homes in the Lutherville section of Baltimore County. Longford North lines Interstate 83 just north of the Baltimore Beltway 695.

I am writing to you on behalf of myself, my family, and my community who suffer from the tremendous noise produced by Interstate 83 from which we are not protected. The roar at times is deafening due to the immense volume of truck traffic. The State Highway Administration has been called in many times to take noise level readings. Each time they have verified that the levels far exceed the acceptable. To add insult to injury, Longford North has been overlooked with regards to sound barriers. Communities just to our north as well as those to our south are protected by barriers or are in the process.

I am therefore, Governor, asking you to make an allowance in the State budget for the construction of a sound barrier for our community. Please put a stop to the discrimination and allow Longford North the same quality of life as our neighbors.

Thank you

Sincerely yours,

Francis C. Gregory



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July 23, 1998

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Sincerely,

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November 10, 1998

M. Duel L. Grogan
65 Wishing Rock Road
Pasadena MD 21122

Dear M. Grogan:

This is a follow up to your conversation with Ms. Natalie Hardy, my Special Assistant, regarding a sound barrier for the Wishing Rock community along MD 10. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the status of this community.

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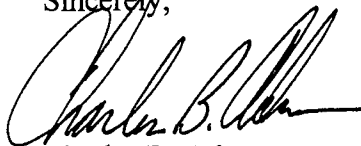
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Thank you again for your interest. I regret that I can not offer you a more positive response. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, who may be reached at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

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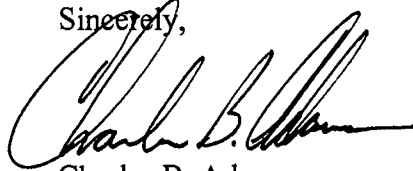
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March 10, 1998

Ms. Bertha Gunther
8605 Seven Locks Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Gunther:

Thank you for your recent letter, as well as your active support for a sound barrier for your community. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Seven Locks Hills community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier. While funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not yet been identified, we will be considering funding in future capital program updates. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I appreciate hearing from you. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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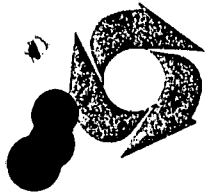
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October 26, 1998

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Ms. Mary Ann Gunza
1115 Quince Apple Place
Davidsonville MD 21035

Dear Ms. Gunza:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening in which you and your neighbors requested a sound barrier for the Rutland Estates community adjacent to US 50. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Decisions to approve sound barriers are made under the State's Sound Barrier Policy. There are two circumstances in which a community may qualify for a barrier. The first occurs when new highway construction or expansion of an existing highway is proposed (a "Type I" barrier). The second circumstance occurs when a community was built before the construction of the original highway (a "Type II" barrier). The Type II component of our program does not apply to the Rutland Estates community because the homes were built after US 50.


Eligibility of the Rutland Estates area for a sound barrier was addressed in the March 22, 1982, environmental document for the widening of US 50 from the Capital Beltway to east of the South River Bridge. The environmental analysis performed during the highway-planning phase examined the potential effects of noise on the communities adjacent to the highway through this area. This analysis was performed to determine if future noise levels would equal or exceed the impact threshold of 67 decibels (dBA). This impact threshold is the minimum noise level a community must experience to be considered for a sound barrier. The analysis also assessed whether the widening of the highway would cause a substantial increase in noise over the levels, which would be expected if the highway were not widened and, if so, whether an effective sound barrier could be built for a reasonable cost. The analysis determined that future noise levels in the Rutland Estates community would not equal or exceed the 67-decibel threshold and that there would only be a one-decibel change in the level of noise as a result of the improvements to the roadway. Because noise levels were not expected to exceed the impact threshold, a sound barrier was not considered for this area.

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Thank you again for your letter. I regret we cannot give you a positive response. I have enclosed a copy of our "Sound Barrier" brochure, which explains in more detail the State's program. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

Enclosure

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Oct. 6, 1978

Dear Governor Steadman,

Please respond to our
urgent request as soon as
possible. Direct your
response to:

Graydon Jones
1115 1/2 Avenue Apple Rd.

Clevelandville, Ind. 46035
301-261-7177

Thank you,

Clevelandville Residents

- 1 copy Mr. & Hades - State Highway
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Delegate Janet Greenip
Delegate Marsha G. Perry

Your Legislative District is 033

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From: Jim Hade
To: CAdams
Date: 10/15/98 8:09am
Subject: Phone Conversation with Ms. Gunza -Reply

Charlie:

Fred took a call yesterday from a citizen for whom we've just responded to in writing (Claire held it for further clarification by us). I wanted you to know that the community is "heating up" over noise and truck re-routing issues. Natalie received a copy of this directly from Fred.

Jim

>>> Frederick Eisen 10/14/98 04:06pm >>>

Natalie:

I talked with Ms. Gunza this afternoon about noise levels in the Rutland Estates community. I explained to Ms. Gunza that her community did not qualify for noise abatement under our Type I or Type II program. I explained the reason why they did not qualify. She was very upset and asked why P.G. Co. was getting noise walls when they were not and complained about Parris Glendening budgeting 15 Billion toward mass transit in P.G. & MO county. She believes that the noise walls do not protect homes. I told her that all noise walls in P.G. county meet our criteria and that they did indeed protect homes.

She told me that 11 years ago a representative from SHA told the community that if they did not qualify for a noise wall that an earthen berm would be constructed. She told me that she believed that her neighbor would donate property for the construction of a berm. I explained that the berm would need a considerable amount of property. She still believes that would not pose a problem.

She told me that her main concern was the "re-routing" of truck traffic off of US 3/301 and that due to the additional truck traffic her yard had become unusable. She noted noise measurements taken at the Lake of the Pines. I noted that the community did not qualify for noise walls.

She also said that due to the fact that her community was utility self-sufficient that the government should extend an extra consideration for noise abatement. She complained about high taxes.

Fred

CC: PTroll, KPolcak, GMiller

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October 28, 1998

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PARRIS N. GLENDENING
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Mr. Ved K. Gupta
8625 Valleyfield Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. Gupta:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitment is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

cc: The Honorable Michael J. Finifter, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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August 11, 1998

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605 Bestgate Road
Annapolis MD 21401

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My telephone number is (410)- 865-1000 or 1-800-713-1414

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I am a registered voter

605 BEST GATE ROAD
My address is ANNAPOLIS MD.

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DATE:

March 19th '98

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Noise Abatement Design
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TO:

Mr. Marty Hackett - 410-876-0009 / 410-876-2017
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

FROM:

Philip Troll - 410-545-8600
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

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Please forward this transmittal to the appropriate person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our office at (410) 545-8641. The telephone number for the FAX machine at State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design is (410) 209-5003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

Hello Mr. Hackett,

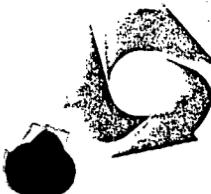
As per our conversation of a few moments ago - here are copies of "Suggested noise mitigation requirements for local subdivision regulations", "SHA's Community Resource Guide" and a copy of our Noise Policy. I have also passed your message on to Ken Polcari - he should be in touch with you soon. Ken can be reached at 410-545-8601. I hope this information is of some assistance. Don't hesitate to call me or Ken if we can be of any further assistance.

My telephone number is

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Philip Troll
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Ms. Alyson Hallberg
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Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Hallberg:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening requesting that the funding for sound barriers for the Riverview and Lindamoore communities along US 50 be advanced. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Now that Anne Arundel County has enacted laws to safeguard future homeowners from high noise levels and has expressed its willingness to provide 20 percent of the cost of barriers, the Riverview and Lindamoore communities meet all of the State's eligibility requirements. Unfortunately, the number of sound barrier needs exceeds our ability to fund them all at once. All of the funds in our current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for Fiscal Years 1998-2003 have been allocated to projects on which prior commitments had been made. We will give full consideration to funding the design and construction of the Riverview and Lindamoore barriers in the next CTP cycle, which begins this Fall.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



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April 3, 1998

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Mr. Robert M. Halperin
7004 Greentree Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Halperin:

Thank you for your recent letter, as well as your active support for a sound barrier for your community. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Longwood community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier and I have approved funding for its design and construction. The State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin design of this barrier soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I appreciate hearing from you. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
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Parris N. Glendening
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January 7, 1998

Mr. Robert M. Halperin
7004 Greentree Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Mr. Halperin:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening, Transportation Secretary Winstead and me regarding a sound barrier on the inner loop of I-495, West of Greentree Road and East of the I-270 Spur. The Governor and Secretary asked me to respond on their behalves.

You expressed concern about a 500 foot gap between Greentree Road and the end of the sound barrier for the Longwood area. The final end points of that barrier have not been determined. This will occur during the detailed design phase, and the barrier will be designed to protect homes which are eligible under the provisions of our noise policy. The enclosed brochure provides more information about that policy.

Funding decisions for highway improvements, including sound barriers, are made annually and are presented in the Department's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). This document includes planned improvements over a six year period and is finalized each January. The 1998-2003 CTP is in the final stage of preparation. Funding needs for new sound barriers are being evaluated as the CTP is completed.

Again, thank you for your letter. We appreciate hearing from you, and on behalf of the Governor and Secretary, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll-free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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December 17, 1997

*Charlie Adams
Please cc:
Secretary in
letter
conducted w/ John F.*

Mr. Parker F. Williams
Administrator
State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Noise Barriers on the Inner Loop West of Greentree Road
and East of the I-270 Spur, 16th District, State of Maryland

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing to express my great concern about the possibility of a 500 foot "gap" in the proposed noise barriers along the inner loop of the I-495 Beltway west of Greentree Road in Bethesda. The proposed gap would have a serious adverse impact on older and newer homes in the area, including those not immediately adjacent to the Beltway on Greentree Road, Newbold Drive, Longwood Drive and Brooke Drive.

The State should not be in the position of lowering the quality of life of its taxpaying citizens. Recently, the Beltway in this area was expanded. Along with that expansion came an increasing level of highway noise pervading through the neighborhood. Expansion should only have been permitted if noise barriers were to be installed at the same time in the noise-affected areas.

Now, it appears, the State is considering taking another action that would adversely affect our neighborhood. The proposed gap would make a bad situation worse by creating a noise funnel which would increase the level of highway noise in our area.

It is my understanding that the cost of installing sound barriers in the proposed 500 foot gap would be quite modest (about \$200,000, with Montgomery County paying part of the cost). Certainly, the cost of installing these barriers at the same time barriers are being installed on either side of the gap is the most cost effective solution to this problem. Waiting until the problem gets worse will

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State Highway Administration
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only increase the cost of the solution.

I appreciate your attention to this matter which is so important to my neighbors and my family.

Sincerely yours,



Robert M. Halperin

cc: The Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor
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Mr. Charles Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design
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State Highway Administration**

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September 22, 1998

Mr. Charles B. Hands
4982 Dalton Drive
Columbia, MD 21056

Dear Mr. Hands:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier along US 29. I appreciate the opportunity to explain how our Sound Barrier Program applies to your community.

We are currently evaluating your community to determine if the requirements for a sound barrier are met. This evaluation will determine if all of the following technical criteria are met.

- the majority of the affected homes predate the highway.
- existing noise levels equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold
- an effective barrier can be built for a reasonable cost.

If these criteria are met, Howard County will have to commit to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost. The construction of a barrier would be dependent upon the availability of state funds.

This analysis should be completed by the end of October. I look forward to sharing the results with you then. Enclosed for your use is a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy and Community Resource Guide.

Thank you again for your interest. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

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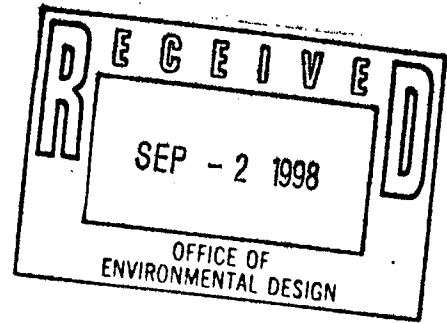
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August 31, 1998

Mr. Charles Adams
Environmental Design Section of State Highways
707 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Adams:

You will perhaps recall that for the past several years I have been concerned about the traffic noise on the constantly expanding and increasingly busy route US29--particularly on that section of the road on which I live and which has most recently been widened from 4 to 6 lanes, i.e., that section between routes 108 and 175. I enclose a copy of a letter I wrote to Delegate Pendergrass, copy to you, which I wrote last May.

In response to that letter I was informed by Ms. Pendergrass' office that a sound barrier had been approved and that construction was scheduled to begin early in the summer. When no construction became evident, I again contacted Delegate Pendergrass' office, and was advised that I should contact you, then let her office know the nature of your response. I left you a voice mail message to this effect a month or so ago, but have yet to hear from you.

I do hope that a barrier is, indeed, in the works. As I indicated in my May letter, conditions continue to worsen, and I see no hope for improvement except for a barrier. I'd appreciate your letting me, and Delegate Pendergrass' office, know what plans, if any, for construction are in the offing.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles B. Hands".

Charles B. Hands
4982 Dalton Drive
Columbia, Md. 21056
(410) 964-0385

cc: Delegate Shane Pendergrass
Attn: Ms. Ellen Long

4982 Dalton Drive
Columbia MD 21045
May 12, 1998

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The Honorable Shane Pendergrass
209 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Ms. Pendergrass:

You may recall that we had some correspondence earlier this year about the possibility of erecting a sound barrier on the east side of route 29 between routes 175 and 108. You pursued this matter with Mr. Adams of the Environmental Design Section of State Highways (for which I thank you), and he indicated to you that this section of the highway had been a problem for some time, that the cost criteria for that section was being reevaluated, and that some decision should be reached by the end of March. I have anxiously scanned the *Sun* and the *Flier* since that date, but I have seen no indication as to what decision, if any, has been reached.

I'm really concerned about the escalating noise along this section of route 29. Since these houses were built

- the golf course that used to lie on the west side at the intersection of 29 and 108 has been replaced by a condominium development which serves as a sounding board that reflects all the noise back to the east side;
- the traffic signal that used to be at the intersection of 29 and 108 and served to slow and stop traffic, thus diminishing the noise, has been replaced by a cloverleaf which has encouraged traffic speed and thus noise;
- the new cloverleaf at 175 has had the same effect as the new cloverleaf at 108;
- route 100 has opened between 29 and 104, and thus increased the amount of traffic on 29 (when 100 is extended to route 1 sometime next year the traffic will get worse);
- last year, this section of route 29 has been increased from four lanes to six lanes (you can imagine what that has done!), and the dense shrubbery on the median strip which may have offered some protection has been uprooted;
- and, of course, the expansion of Columbia and the ever increasing commuter traffic to the Town Center and to Washington and its suburbs has further exacerbated the problem.

One can't turn back traffic volume or replant golf courses or install traffic signals at cloverleaves, but one can offer some surcease from the increased noise that these developments have generated. If there's anything that you can do to help remedy this problem, I and my neighbors would appreciate it. Or if there's anything that I and my wife can do (in our conversations with the Department of Transportation they have discouraged such things as petition signing) please let me know.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Hands

cc: Charles Adams



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Deputy Secretary

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November 27, 1998

Mr. Charles B. Hands
4982 Dalton Drive
Columbia MD 21056

Dear Mr. Hands:

This is a follow up to the letter which Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Director of Environmental Design, sent to you on September 22 regarding a sound barrier for your community. I appreciate your patience while we conducted this investigation.

The SHA has completed its review of the Dalton community to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier. In addition to meeting other criteria which are designed to ensure State-funded barriers are provided in the most equitable manner possible, a community must predate the original highway. Unfortunately, the Dalton community does not meet the date criterion because it was built after US 29 and therefore does not qualify for a sound barrier. I regret we cannot provide you with a positive response to your inquiry.

Thank you again for your patience. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: The Honorable Martin G. Madden, Member, Senate of Maryland
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June 23, 1998

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Mr. J. Brian Hanley
143 Riverview Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Hanley:

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Ms. Laurie Hanley
143 Riverview Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401

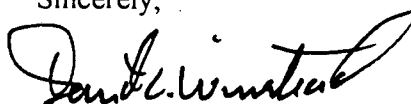
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Deputy Secretary

June 29, 1998

Mr. Arthur F. Hathaway
124 Riverview Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Hathaway:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for your community along US 50 between the Severn River Bridge and Rowe Boulevard. The Governor has received a number of letters on this issue from your neighbors, and appreciates you bringing this matter to his attention. He asked me to respond on his behalf.

Since Governor Glendening took office in 1995, this Administration has placed an increased emphasis on quality of life solutions, such as sound barriers. In the past three years, we have developed a new Sound Barrier Policy that has made communities such as yours eligible to receive these much needed projects. To handle the increased number of eligible communities, we have also nearly tripled the budget for sound barriers. In 1995, only \$22 million was earmarked for sound barriers, but since then, we have increased that figure to \$60 million. Regrettably, the number of eligible communities still surpasses our ability to fund them as quickly as we would like.

Earlier this year, Anne Arundel County enacted a sound ordinance, and County Executive Gary made a commitment to fund 20 percent of the cost of sound barriers. You will be pleased to learn that your community now meets all the requirements to receive a sound barrier. Unfortunately, these actions taken by the County occurred after the Department of Transportation had submitted its budget for the coming year to the General Assembly.

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Now that your community has met the eligibility requirements, I am pleased to assure you that your community's request for construction of a sound barrier will receive full consideration for inclusion in the Department's budget for next year.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. Your continued patience is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

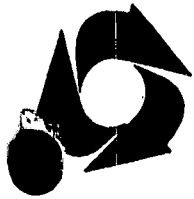
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March 10, 1998

Mr. Arthur Hathaway
124 Riverview Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Hathaway:

Thank you for your recent letter, as well as your active support for a sound barrier for your community. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Riverview community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier. While funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not yet been identified, we will be considering funding in future capital program updates. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I appreciate hearing from you. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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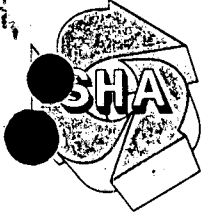
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September 24, 1998

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Mr. Chris Haug
3616 Scheel Drive
Ellicott City MD 21042

Dear Mr. Haug:

Thank you for your July 22 e-mail to Robert Ritter in which you offered comments regarding the MD 32 improvement study from MD 108 to I-70. We apologize for the delayed response.

The 34-foot median being maintained on MD 32, which includes the inside shoulders, is the smallest median that can be constructed without curbing or concrete barriers being included. This open, grass median would provide an additional recovery and breakdown area that would not exist with a concrete barrier or curbed median. It will also maintain a more rural character for the road, consistent with the surrounding land use, and provide more opportunity for the planting of natural grasses and wildflowers as you have suggested. Note that the proposed median is narrower than what currently exists on MD 32 south of MD 108, where it is generally 54 feet wide or greater.

If a build alternative is selected, a detailed landscaping plan would be developed during the next phase of highway development, Final Design (which is currently not funded). Wildflowers and other plantings will be considered where feasible. I have forwarded your suggestion to reseed the median along MD 32 east of MD 108 to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) District Engineer, Mr. Robert Fisher. Mr. Fisher is responsible for the daily maintenance and operations of existing State roadways in District 7, which includes Howard County.

The MD 32 Team is currently conducting noise studies. These studies will forecast the noise levels along the corridor with and without improvements to MD 32. Once the noise studies are completed, SHA will be working with Howard County and the affected communities to review appropriate strategies for mitigation in accordance with the SHA Sound Barrier Policy. The results of the noise studies and potential mitigation strategies will be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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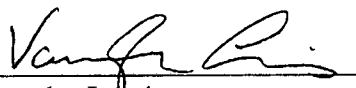
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Please be assured that all of our roadway improvement alternatives have been developed to safely meet the long term transportation needs of the corridor, while striving to minimize community and environmental impacts. Many factors are involved in providing for a safe design of roadways, including traffic volumes, design speed, and vehicle types, among others. While many of the proposed interchanges have been modified during the course of the study to minimize impacts to the surrounding environment, all of the associated acceleration, deceleration and weave lanes have been developed to safely and efficiently address projected 2020 traffic volumes.

Again, thank you for your comments. Your name is on the project mailing list and you will be notified of any future events on this project. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the Project Engineer, Vaughn Lewis, at 410-545-8511 or toll-free within Maryland at 1-800-548-5026.

Very truly yours,

Louis H. Ege, Jr.
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July 22, 1998

Mr. Robert Ritter
Project Manager
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State Highway Administration
Mailstop C-301
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Re: Alternatives Workshop – Maryland route 32 from Route 108 to Interstate 70

Dear Mr. Ritter;

I want to thank you and your planning staff for the well attended workshop held at Glenelg High School on June 16, 1998. I continue to be very impressed with your commitment to involve the community in the planning and development phases of this project, despite my natural opposition to any project of this type. I tend to be adhere to the NIMBY theory of development yet I recognize the growing need to address the Route 32 traffic problem.

As a result of the presentation, I would like to pose the following comments for consideration.

I notice on Figure 1 of the Informational Workshop Handbook there is only one proposed "Typical Section" under consideration. This section contains a net 20' median area between the proposed North and Southbound lanes. Has there been any consideration given to eliminating the median area and create a "Jersey Wall" division between the two proposed lane sections? This question assumes there would be the allowance for the appropriate emergency shoulders etc. I use Interstate 695 as an example of my thought on this matter.

It would seem that the logical way to expand would be from the center out and not the outside in. In doing so you minimize the amount of right of way used on the "west" side of Route 32 which, in turn, minimizes the disruption to impacted residences along the route.

This also minimizes the ongoing labor and maintenance costs associated with mowing, weeding and general maintenance of the median area.

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I have been most impressed with the State highway Department's efforts to cut back on maintenance costs by seeding existing interstate median strips with perennial wildflowers that are self sustaining.

Not only does it significantly enhance the surrounding beauty and makes driving more pleasant, it is environmentally responsive and hopefully more economical than mowing.

I would strongly recommend that, should there be a dividing median per the current plan that the plan include the provision for immediate planting with natural grasses, perennial flowers and plants. I also strongly suggest there be an allowance be incorporated into the budget to rework existing median strips along 32 east of Route 108 in a similar fashion.

I also request that your planning group factor in, to the greatest extent possible, the construction of "natural" noise and sound barriers along the entire proposed expansion. I recognize there is insufficient traffic to justify the man made barriers and, quite frankly, despite their effectiveness, they are not the most pleasant structures to look at.

It would seem to me that reuse of excavated dirt molded into high buffers wherever possible and covered with the same perennial planting and trees as I propose in the median will be an effective noise buffer for those immediately impacted.

In reviewing each of the proposed interchanges, the Linden Church, Dayton Shop and Nixon's Farm Interchanges seem to have plenty of distance in the onramp-acceleration lanes. However those interchanges that contain proposed quarter clovers seem to have rather short acceleration lanes. This seems consistent with existing interchanges that contain quarter covers for acceleration. Is there a way for such access/acceleration ramps and lanes to be lengthened to provide for a more orderly acceleration and merging of traffic.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my thoughts and comments. Please call or write me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Haug
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Ellicott City, MD 21042

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November 13, 1998

Ms. Ann Hayward
8521 Valleyfield Road
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Ms. Hayward:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitments is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

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June 25, 1998

Ms. Ann Hayward
8521 Valleyfield Road
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Dear Ms. Hayward:

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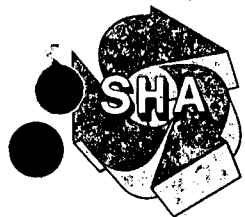
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October 2, 1998

Ms. Kathryn A. Heflin
497 Winding Creek Court
Davidsonville MD 21035

Dear Ms. Heflin:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding safety issues near sound barriers along US 50. I appreciate your bringing your safety concerns to my attention.

It has been the experience of the State Highway Administration (SHA) that the installation of sound barriers has not negatively affected the ability of motorists to receive emergency assistance. While sound barriers do prevent drivers from walking to areas which are adjacent to the highway, such access is already prevented by chain link fencing along the property line of the highway.

During the past several years, SHA has implemented procedures to detect the presence of obstructions to traffic flow, such as those caused by disabled vehicles. To do so, we use cameras, SHA emergency response patrols, and State and local police patrols. Additionally, motorists needing assistance can call #77 on their cellular phones, and drivers of our radio-equipped vehicles are trained to assist and report motorists in trouble. This combination of detection and assistance methods provides a good support network for motorists whose vehicles become disabled.

You suggested that we add more doors to the sound barriers and eliminate the locks. The doors are to provide access for emergency personnel, as well as for our personnel who perform routine maintenance and inspection of the sound barriers. These doors are locked to prevent unwanted access to the private properties beyond the highway right of way. By unlocking the doors, we would create another set of safety concerns for the residents of these communities—as well, perhaps, as for the stranded motorist who might be perceived, by a homeowner, to have less than honorable intentions.

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Thank you again for your letter. If you have any other questions regarding sound barriers, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8641 or 1-800-446-5962. If you would like to discuss your safety concerns further, please feel free to contact Mr. Thomas Hicks, our Director of Traffic and Safety, who may be reached at 410-787-5815 or 1-888-963-0307.

Sincerely,



for Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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Phone #		Phone #	545-8616		
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Dear Mr. Williams:

I am a life-long resident of Maryland and just wanted to share a concern that I have with regard to the sound barrier walls that are being constructed along our highways, in particular the most recent wall along Route 50. I can certainly appreciate how great these walls are for the homeowners behind them. They must be thrilled to have the noise from the traffic significantly reduced, not to mention the privacy that the walls afford them. However, my concern is about an "escape route" if someone's vehicle breaks down on one of our highways where these barrier walls exist.

1. I note that there are doors periodically in the walls, but they appear to have a deadbolt lock in them -- this is just an observation as I travel down the highways. Are these doors designed to be an "escape" route for travelers? If not, shouldn't they be and should they identify what is on the other side of them? Could an emergency phone be installed by each door?

2. My other concern, as an individual and a parent, is that a traveler is now at the "mercy" of other travelers. We are told from childhood never to get in a car with strangers. We are advised by television programs to keep off the roadway and hidden if your car breaks down because there are individuals riding along the highways that may want to do you harm. These barrier walls force us to walk rather close to the speeding traffic and put us at the "mercy" of other travelers.

I know that the State Highway Administration has invested millions in these walls and I am probably not the first person that has expressed these types of concerns. I happen to be an individual who has commuted many miles, five days a week, for over 30 years, and have had my share of car breakdowns even though I do preventative maintenance, etc. I felt it was important to express my concern with the current barrier walls.

My solution to this problem would be to (1) add more doors to the walls, (2) eliminate the locks in the doors and (3) install emergency telephones that are dependable and work at all times.

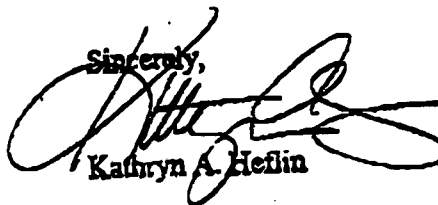
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Sincerely,



Kathryn A. Heflin



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February 9, 1998

Dr. Lee Helman
Dr. Judith Falloon
7600 Shadywood Road
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Dear Drs. Helman and Falloon:

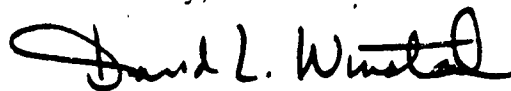
This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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January 29, 1998

Dr. Lee Helman
Dr. Judith Falloon
7600 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Drs. Helman and Falloon:

Thank you for your recent letter to Transportation Secretary Winstead regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Secretary shares your concerns over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of a barrier for your area.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing a comprehensive review of the section of the beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road to determine if the area meets the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our revised noise policy. We expect to have the results of our reanalysis soon and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. We have forwarded the requested historical data to the Burning Tree Estates Noise Barrier Task Force via overnight delivery.

Thank you again for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

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Signature *cc: Linda F*

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Dear Mr. Winstead:

We are writing to ask for your help in obtaining barriers along the Beltway near our home. We live in Burning Tree Estates, next to the widest segment of the Beltway. Over the years, the noise levels at our house have escalated. This is presumably the result of both Beltway widening and increased traffic and the construction of noise barriers elsewhere that reflect noise to us.

We were at the town meeting where we heard an explanation of the policy regarding noise abatement procedures and barrier construction. We know that our local group, the Burning Tree Estates Noise Barrier Task Force, has yet to obtain copies of prior environmental impact statements and noise level determinations, so we are lacking all of the data we need to make our case. We also know both that the policy was imperfectly crafted, as it did not take into account serial incremental steps in noise levels resulting in unacceptable levels, and that noise levels in our area are unacceptable.

We understand that others must travel and roads must accomodate them, but our noise burden is unfair, and the means to ameliorate our problem exist. Our noise burden is toxic to our children and harmful to our lives—clearly an environmental hazard. Please help us. We are in desperate need of noise barriers along the stretch of the Beltway near us.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Helman and Judith Falloon
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August 3, 1998

Mr. Philip Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Mr. Hertz:

Thank you for your recent internet message to Governor Glendening about sound barriers for the northbound side of I-270 between Old Georgetown Road and Wisconsin Avenue. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

As I indicated in my previous correspondence to you on the issue of sound barriers, the communities along this section of I-270 are not eligible for barriers because the majority of the homes were built after the highway was. Although we cannot approve a sound barrier, the State Highway Administration (SHA) has already begun to replace the vegetation that was removed from State right-of-way, which should help restore a visual buffer. The SHA also plans to put in additional evergreen plants this Fall to increase the density of the buffer.

Thank you again for your internet message. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest, which prompted you to write. If you have any questions, please feel free to call SHA's Director of Environmental Design, Mr. Charles B. Adams, at 410-545-8640 or 1-888-375-1975.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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March 25, 1998

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Mr. Philip Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Mr. Hertz:

Thank you for your recent internet message to me and Governor Glendening regarding your continuing concerns over the plantings in our right-of-way along I-270, adjacent to the Timberlawn community. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Last Fall the State Highway Administration (SHA) planted twenty trees on State-owned right-of-way in the vicinity of Lady Slipper Terrace in response to your complaint over the removal of some of the small growth in that area. I support the actions SHA took last Fall as appropriate under the circumstances they replaced shrubbery with those that will provide better visual screen as they mature.

Our interpretation of the noise data for this area is set forth in my March 5 letter. While I stand by my statement that the overall trend does not demonstrate a substantial increase in traffic noise between 1993 and 1997, the issue is not one of noise levels alone. Under the State's Sound Barrier Program, only communities in which the majority of impacted homes that predate the highway are eligible for retrofit sound barriers. Unfortunately, your community does not meet this criterion.

Please accept my apologies for neglecting to enclose the explanatory material in my last letter. A copy of SHA's community resource guide has since been forwarded to you. This should be of some help in further understanding the State's sound barrier policy.

Thank you again for your internet message. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and, on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
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Please Prepare Response for Secretary
Signature *cc Leslie F*

Dear Secretary Winstead,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning sound barriers. After reading your response, three issues continue to require a response from the State.

First, your letter fails to address the aesthetic damage caused by the State when it cleared out the woods surrounding our neighborhood. Even assuming (which we do not) that the sound levels have not changed markedly, we are now able to see a highway which before the State's action was invisible. I have provided Charles Adams with pictures taken after a 1996 snow which demonstrate how much the view has been altered by the clearing of the woods. The State has a legal and moral responsibility to return the neighborhood to the condition that was present before the State action -- we were never given an opportunity to comment upon or discuss the situation before the State removed the vegetation. For that matter, taking you and your staff at their word, it does not appear that any of you considered the issue. Instead, it appears some workers asked to trim a littler, went amuck and removed much to much vegetation. The question that we have been asking repeatedly is what the State will do to remedy the damage it caused -- a dozen small evergreens are of no consequence.

Second, in denying that there has been an increase in the sound levels, you do your and the State's credibility a disservice. Mr. Adams both in correspondence with me and in an interview printed in the Bethesda Gazette conceded that sound levels have increased significantly. Indeed, he indicated that the decision not to provide a sound level related to the age of the residences, not the sound levels. Mr. Adams has provided documentation that shows at most hours of the day, decibel levels have climbed 5 or more decibels.

Third and least importantly, your letter indicated that you were enclosing materials relating to sound walls and the criteria for building such barriers. No such enclosures were included with the letter.

In closing, I should tell you that I and my neighbors are losing patience with the system. We have asked for meetings with the Governor and have been ignored. I am sure I do not have to remind you that 1998 is an election year. As a Democrat who worked for Governor Glendening's election, I am loathe to say, "Throw the rascals out," but we are coming perilously close to that point. We are looking for state action, not bureaucratic responses.

Thank you again for your consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,

Philip R. Hertz

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Mr. Philip Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Mr. Hertz:

Thank you for your recent internet message to me and Governor Glendening sharing your continuing concerns over the replantings in our right-of-way along I-270, adjacent to the Timberlawn community. I appreciate this opportunity to update you on this issue.

Last Fall the State Highway Administration replanted twenty trees on State right-of-way in the vicinity of Lady Slipper Terrace to answer your complaint over the removal of some of the small growth in that area. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff investigate other planting opportunities.

In my letter to you, of March 5th, I wrote that "...there was no substantial change in noise levels." Charlie Adam's letter to you of January 27th was a transmission of the measurement data and an explanation of how it was obtained. There were no statements in the January 27th letter indicating a "significant increase". In the February 25th issue of the Chevy Chase Gazette, we can find no statements that support the contention that Mr. Adams "...conceded that sound levels have increased significantly..."

In the January 27th letter we reported an average for the morning rush-hour level of 69 dBA in 1993 and averages of 68 to 70 dBA in 1997. What I failed to emphasize in the text of my letter, was that the 1993 data was for two other locations. One of the locations was farther away than that of yours and was only used to help establish a statistical trend to predict the noise levels for your home in 1997 for the data that was missing due to the battery failure. The reason that we were not able to provide 1993 information for your home was that when the previous analysis was conducted your specific home was not a measurement site. As you will note in the 24 hour data chart originally sent to you by Mr. Adams, a 1-2 dBA change in noise can easily occur hour to hour and the overall trend does not demonstrate a substantial increase between 1993 and 1997.

Since your last message we have forwarded SHA's community resource guide to you. This should be of some help in further understanding the State's sound barrier policy.

Thank you again for your internet message. I appreciate your patience while we investigate this situation. If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



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March 5, 1998

Mr. Philip Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Mr. Hertz:

Thank you for your recent internet messages to Governor Glendening and me regarding the eligibility of the Timberlawn and Wildwood Manor communities, which are adjacent to I-270, for sound barriers. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

In my letter to you of October 1, 1997, I indicated the State Highway Administration (SHA) had investigated your concerns about the vegetation adjacent to the I-270 Spur. The investigation indicated a survey crew hired by SHA had been active in the area in the Spring of 1997 and some vegetation had been removed from SHA's right-of-way. While that vegetation may have made the traffic on I-270 somewhat less visually obvious, SHA determined it did not reduce the impact of traffic noise.

This determination is borne out by comparing noise-level measurements taken in 1993 with those taken after the vegetation was removed in 1997. In 1993, the measured average noise levels were in the range of 55 to 60 decibels (dBA) during the nighttime hours; in 1997, nighttime measurements averaged 59 dBA. During the morning rush hour, measured average noise levels were 69 dBA in 1993, whereas in 1997 they were 68 to 70 dBA during the morning rush hour and mid-afternoon periods. This data demonstrates there was no substantial change in noise levels.

Given the fact our data showed no appreciable difference in noise levels and the fact we could not verify exactly how much vegetation may have been removed, SHA decided to address your concerns by replanting vegetation in its right-of-way. They honored their commitment last Fall by planting 10 18-inch Blackhaw Viburnums and 10 6-foot Canadian Hemlocks. These plantings, which cover an area approximately 50 feet wide, have an average depth of 10 to 15 feet. While they will take some time to mature, I agree with SHA that this was a reasonable customer-service response to your concerns.

Your letter also questioned the State's decision to build a sound barrier for Wildwood Manor. That community met all of the criteria for a barrier: it experienced noise levels in excess of the 66 decibel threshold, the majority of its affected homes were built prior to I-270, and an effective barrier could be built for an acceptable cost. Design of the barrier will focus on reducing the noise impact for only the older homes in this area. The new homes to which you refer were not considered in our analysis, and their primary protection from highway noise has occurred as a result of county-imposed controls on those homes' placement with respect to the highway. Any additional benefit the new homes might receive from the State-funded Wildwood Manor noise barrier will be incidental rather than by design.

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The date homes were built in relationship to the highway remains one of the basic considerations in determining a community's eligibility for a sound barrier. According to our records, the majority of the impacted homes in the community on the north side of I-270 across from Wildwood Manor, referred to as Timberlawn, were built after I-495/I-270. Based on this information, Timberlawn does not meet the State's Sound Barriers criteria. I have enclosed our Sound Barriers brochure which outlines requirements necessary to erect these barriers. I regret we cannot provide you with a positive response on this issue.

Thank you again for your internet message. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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February 5, 1998

Mr. Philip Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Mr. Hertz:

Thank you for your recent internet message to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for your community adjacent to the east leg of I-270. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Governor Glendening's recent announcement of funding for new sound barriers in Montgomery County was for seven older communities where the homes predated the original highway construction. One of these areas, as you indicated, is Wildwood Manor, located on the opposite side of I-270 from your neighborhood. This area was approved because the majority of the affected homes predate the construction of I-270. Design of the barrier will focus on reducing the noise impact for the older homes in this area. The analyses performed, before a decision to fund this barrier was made, show noise levels exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels, an effective barrier can be built and the cost of the barrier is within our guidelines. The description used in the announcement for this area was a general definition of the area analyzed.

Our records show the homes in the Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk community were built after I-270 and, as a result, the area does not qualify for a State-funded sound barrier. While your community does not meet the qualifications for a State-funded barrier, you might be interested in pursuing tax increment financing of a barrier through Montgomery County. There is existing precedent for this, and the County has indicated a willingness to assist other communities with this approach. If you would like additional information about this possibility, please contact the office of Mr. Graham Norton, who is the Director of Public Works and Transportation for Montgomery County. You may reach him at 301-217-2170.

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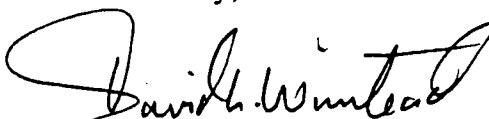
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Thank you again for your internet message. I trust this information helps clarify this issue. We do understand your concerns and, unfortunately, are unable to approve a sound barrier for your community. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design for the State Highway Administration. Mr. Adams can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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JIM GRING - Sound Walls

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From: Hartz Philip <Hartz.Philip@pbgc.gov>
To: Governor Glendening <governor@gov.state.md.us>
Date: 1/28/98 10:40AM
Subject: Sound Walls

Dear Governor Glendening,

It was with great distress that I read yesterday's Bethesda Gazette. On page 1, there is an article dealing with the State's decision to build a number of sound walls in the Bethesda and Potomac areas, unfortunately while those sound walls get very close to my neighborhood, they don't get there.

As I hope you will recall, I contacted you late last Spring after my neighbors and I discovered that someone - apparently the State highway administration - thinned out the woods that separated our neighborhood from the East fork of 270. I ultimately received a letter from Secretary of Transportation Winstead stating that a survey crew did cut some trees in my area. I also met with Charles Adams, who speculated that WSSC crews might have cut some trees. In any event, the State eventually planted 12 small Christmas trees - which Mr. Adams predicts will not survive -- and allegedly did new sound tests (although we've not received the results). Repeatedly we were told that decisions were going to be made by you and that we would be advised of them in a timely manner. We were told the decisions would be made based on such criteria as sound levels and the age of the homes in the neighborhood. We were not advised of any decision process or the opportunity to provide any input before we read about the decision in the Bethesda Gazette.

We live on the North side of 270 just before the Old Georgetown Road Interchange. Our houses are between 15 and 20 years old. Among the areas which are getting a sound wall is the area immediately across the highway on the south side of 270. Interestingly enough, the homes there are less than a year old. We find it incredible that the sound levels on one side of the road are so much higher that a brand new neighborhood can reap the benefit of a sound wall while our much older neighborhood must wait, seemingly forever.

While you may not recall me, we met on a couple of occasions in 1994 - I was a patron of the Montgomery County Democratic Party. You impressed me as a candid and fair man, one who would make the tough decisions and not be afraid to revolt injustice. As I write this message, a complaint is being prepared for filing in Federal Court. I am also in contact with the media. Hopefully you can revisit the decision and obviate the need for such actions and the accompanying bad publicity for the State.

I can be contacted at work at 202-326-4020 (x3555) (E-mail: Hartz.Philip@PBGC.Gov)
My home address is 10700 Lady Slipper Terrace, North Bethesda, MD 20852 and my number is 301-816-7916. My e-mail at home is prinjd@aol.com

Thank you for your prompt and expeditious handling of this inquiry.

Yours truly,
Philip R. Hartz

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LOG DATE: 01/30/98 /dlw SERIAL#: 7866

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 01/30/98

FROM: HERTZ, PHILIP R 01/29/98

RE: SOUND WALLS

RESPOND BY: 02/03/98

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- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

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ASSIGNED TO: C. Adams

DATE: 2/2/98

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January 27, 1998

Mr. Philip R. Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Mr. Hertz:

I am writing to you to report the results of recent highway traffic noise measurements conducted at your home adjacent to the I-270 East Spur near Old Georgetown Road (MD 187). The attached charts and datasheets summarize the measurement results.

The noise measurement test was conducted in the front yard of your home, as shown on the datasheet labeled Exhibit 1. This position was chosen over a location in the backyard because the privacy fence around the yard and the proximity of the berm/embankment along Valerian Lane would not present the worst case noise level for the property.

Exhibit 2 shows the noise levels which were measured in continuous 15-minute intervals for 24 hours. As can be seen, the last 5 hours of data were lost due to a battery malfunction. However, an analysis of prior noise tests done in the area was conducted to determine if the test would have to be repeated. This analysis, presented in Exhibit 3, focused on an assessment of how the noise levels increased from the late night/early morning hours through the morning rush hour period, which was the period of data loss in the most recent test. Two locations along the I-270 East Spur were tested in 1993. In those tests, compared to the 2-am period, noise levels progressively increased hourly by the amounts shown in columns 3 and 5. Though the increases differed slightly between the two prior tests, a trend is clearly demonstrated. The larger of the two increases was then applied to the data from the most recent test, and yielded the "calculated" hourly levels for the period of measured data loss (shown in bold-face type on Exhibits 2 and 3). The shaded values on Exhibit 2 are those which were equal to or exceeding the impact threshold of 66 decibels (dBA).

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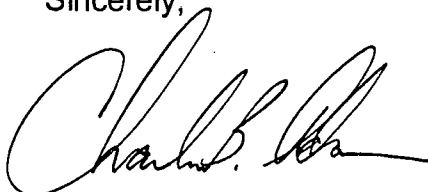
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I hope you will find this information useful. Should you have any questions regarding the results, please feel free to contact Mr. Ken Polcak of our Noise Abatement Team at (410) 545-8601, or toll-free at 1(800) 446-5962.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Attachments

cc: ✓ Mr. Ken Polcak
✓ Noise Abatement Team

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I hope you will find this information useful. Should you have any questions regarding the results, please feel free to contact Mr. Ken Polcak of our Noise Abatement Team at (410) 545-8601, or toll-free at 1(800) 446-5962.

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Residents make noise over lack of sound barriers

by Adam Bernstein , Staff Writer

February 25, 1998

There's too much highway noise in the Cloisters, residents in the 15-year-old North Bethesda neighborhood say, and they want the state to do something about it.

The handful of unhappy residents' homes are located just off Tuckerman Lane across Interstate 270 from the older Wildwood Manor neighborhood.

Sound barriers soon will be built at a cost of \$9.6 million to screen the homes of Wildwood Manor, so the same should be done on the other side -- their side -- of the street, Cloisters' residents say.

A main gripe is that newer homes in Wildwood Manor, some still under construction, will benefit from the barriers, while those in the Cloisters still will have to live with the noise.

Newer homes in Wildwood Manor are mixed in with much-older residences that pre-date the 1964 highway system. The state considers pre-dating highways the primary factor for a neighborhood to receive sound barriers.

Philip Hertz, 47, of Lady Slipper Terrace and the block resident closest to the highway, said he is disgruntled about the highway noise.

Hertz said he has spoken with the State Highway Administration about fixing the situation. He wants either a sound barrier or more trees planted within the mulchy, several-hundred foot divide between the highway and the Cloisters.

He said his efforts to persuade those in authority to fulfill either of his requests have been fruitless, although the highway administration did plant a few baby hemlock trees last fall.

The noise dispute began with trees -- trees that were removed a year ago for what an official with the State Highway Administration said were surveying activities along Interstate 270.

Charlie Adams, the Baltimore-based environmental design director for the highway administration since 1986, said the tree removals were "very, very minor, in my opinion."

"Other than the fact there may have been some small growth removed as a result of surveying activities, there is no evidence of any wholesale removal of trees," Adams said.

He also said the Cloisters is ineligible for the sound barricade. Reasons include:

- * The majority of homes must predate the original highway. Wildwood Manor, built in the 1950s, before the 1964 beltway construction, makes the cut-off, he said, while the Cloisters does not.
- * The decibel threshold of 66 must be exceeded. Adams said this threshold might best be likened to two people being able to hold a normal conversation while a lawnmower is being operated 50 feet away.
- * Topographic issues, such as whether the barriers will work. For example, once the barrier is constructed, are the homes set back too far for the wall to be effective?

* Cost. This figure is derived by dividing the total cost of a wall by the number of homes that stand to benefit from it. There's a ceiling of \$50,000 per protected home.

* Before funding is committed, a local jurisdiction must have ordinances to handle new development, such as requesting earthen berms and other quieting techniques for new housing sites near highways.

* There must be a 20 percent county match to the state's offering. For example, Montgomery County kicked in \$1.9 million after Gov. Parris N. Glendening announced last month the state would spend \$7.7 million for seven new barriers in the region, including the one at Wildwood Manor. However, since the Cloisters isn't old enough, the county won't consider funding sound barriers.

Design for the seven new barriers has not begun yet, Adams said, adding they cost several million dollars a mile.

"I do want to reemphasize, we're not doing this to spite Mr. Hertz or his community," he said. "It's just that the policy and guidance we have in place is not met."

The overriding question, of course, is noise level. While not recalling the exact figures, Adams said the Cloisters neighborhood attained a decibel level "above 66."

"Before [the trees were removed] you had to be outside to hear" the highway noise, said Judy Racoosin of Lady Slipper Terrace. "Now you can hear it inside."

Racoosin, 32, said she and her husband are contemplating buying double-thickness windows to drown out the sound.

Adams said an option may be work through the county to fund the barrier themselves, a route for which there are precedents.

For example, residents in the Arrowood Road, Court and Terrace section of West Bethesda wanted a barrier. They qualified on the "decibel count" but exceeded the cost-per-household limit, said Bob Simpson, a Rockville-based senior planner with the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation.

While the state paid the then-\$40,000 limit, the homeowners worked out a special tax district with the county, Simpson said. The cost per household averaged out to \$11,000, which would be paid over 20 years, he said. The barriers were built three years ago.

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Mr. Philip Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
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Dear Mr. Hertz:

Thank you for your recent internet message expressing your concerns over sound barriers involving the Timberlawn and Wildwood Manor communities adjacent to I-270. I appreciate this opportunity to clarify how the State's sound barrier policy applies to this particular situation.

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Hertz Philip, 10:49 AM 2/17/98 , Your February 5, 1998 Letter

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Dear Secretary Winstead,

Thank you for your February 5 letter, which attempted to explain why a decision was made to put a sound barrier on the South side of the 270 spur between Old Georgetown Road and Wisconsin Avenue, but not on the North side of the spur. Unfortunately, your letter fails to address two points that I have made in my correspondence to your office, the Governor's office and my legislators.

First, you do not address the fact that the sound issue was not of great import to I and my neighbors until the State (or some other party with the State's consent) removed the vegetation that separated our neighborhood and the 270 spur. As I have repeatedly noted, visitors to our neighborhood were unaware of the proximity of 270 until last March. Around that time, vegetation was removed and, with that, our natural sound barrier disappeared. While my neighbors and I would prefer to have the vegetation returned, nature will take a very long time to produce that result. Hence, we have been attempting to get the State to take some action to ameliorate the increased sound that it caused.

This is not an imagined issue. Recently Charles Adams sent me a letter that confirms that sound levels have increased significantly since the vegetation was removed. Indeed, prior to March of 1997, sound levels were in the low 60's. Now they average in the high 60's and occasionally exceed 70 decibels -- well above the "impact threshold of 66 decibels". And, Mr. Adams' letter indicated that his results omitted the morning rush hour during which noise levels are the highest. We have a picture taken in March of 1996 just after a snowfall and the difference between then and now is stark. WHAT IS THE STATE GOING TO DO TO CORRECT THE SITUATION IT CREATED.

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My neighbors and I have been calm until now, but our patience is wearing thin. We would like a meeting with the Governor and you to share our concerns.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Philip Hertz

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January 27, 1998

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As you may know, a reevaluation of the SHA Noise Policy has been ongoing for some time. We are nearing completion of that work, but have not yet reached a final resolution of all issues. The issue particularly related to the Timberlawn/Cloisters community centers on the age of the community relative to

Mr. Philip Hertz
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the original highway and subsequent improvements. For example, since the community does not pre-date the original highway construction, it would not be eligible for retrofit (Type II) noise barriers. We will contact you when a final resolution of the Policy is reached.

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I hope you find this information useful. Should you have any questions regarding the results, please feel free to contact Mr. Ken Polcak of our Noise Abatement Team at (410) 545-8601, or toll-free at 1(800) 446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
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February 5, 1998

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Dear Mr. Hertz:

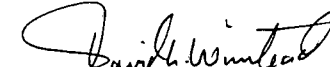
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Governor Glendening's recent announcement of funding for new sound barriers in Montgomery County was for seven older communities where the homes predated the original highway construction. One of these areas, as you indicated, is Wildwood Manor, located on the opposite side of I-270 from your neighborhood. This area was approved because the majority of the affected homes predate the construction of I-270. Design of the barrier will focus on reducing the noise impact for the older homes in this area. The analyses performed, before a decision to fund this barrier was made, show noise levels exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels, an effective barrier can be built and the cost of the barrier is within our guidelines. The description used in the announcement for this area was a general definition of the area analyzed.

Our records show the homes in the Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk community were built after I-270 and, as a result, the area does not qualify for a State-funded sound barrier. While your community does not meet the qualifications for a State-funded barrier, you might be interested in pursuing tax increment financing of a barrier through Montgomery County. There is existing precedent for this, and the County has indicated a willingness to assist other communities with this approach. If you would like additional information about this possibility, please contact the office of Mr. Graham Norton, who is the Director of Public Works and Transportation for Montgomery County. You may reach him at 301-217-2170.

Thank you again for your internet message. I trust this information helps clarify this issue. We do understand your concerns and, unfortunately, are unable to approve a sound barrier for your community. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design for the State Highway Administration. Mr. Adams can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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March 5, 1998

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Dear Mr. Hertz:

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This determination is borne out by comparing noise-level measurements taken in 1993 with those taken after the vegetation was removed in 1997. In 1993, the measured average noise levels were in the range of 55 to 60 decibels (dBA) during the nighttime hours; in 1997, nighttime measurements averaged 59 dBA. During the morning rush hour, measured average noise levels were 69 dBA in 1993, whereas in 1997 they were 68 to 70 dBA during the morning rush hour and mid-afternoon periods. This data demonstrates there was no substantial change in noise levels.

Given the fact our data showed no appreciable difference in noise levels and the fact we could not verify exactly how much vegetation may have been removed, SHA decided to address your concerns by replanting vegetation in its right-of-way. They honored their commitment last Fall by planting 10 18-inch Blackhaw Viburnums and 10 6-foot Canadian Hemlocks. These plantings, which cover an area approximately 50 feet wide, have an average depth of 10 to 15 feet. While they will take some time to mature, I agree with SHA that this was a reasonable customer-service response to your concerns.

Your letter also questioned the State's decision to build a sound barrier for Wildwood Manor. That community met all of the criteria for a barrier: it experienced noise levels in excess of the 66 decibel threshold, the majority of its affected homes were built prior to I-270, and an effective barrier could be built for an acceptable cost. Design of the barrier will focus on reducing the noise impact for only the older homes in this area. The new homes to which you refer were not considered in our analysis, and their primary protection from highway noise has occurred as a result of county-imposed controls on those homes' placement with respect to the highway. Any additional benefit the new homes might receive from the State-funded Wildwood Manor noise barrier will be incidental rather than by design.

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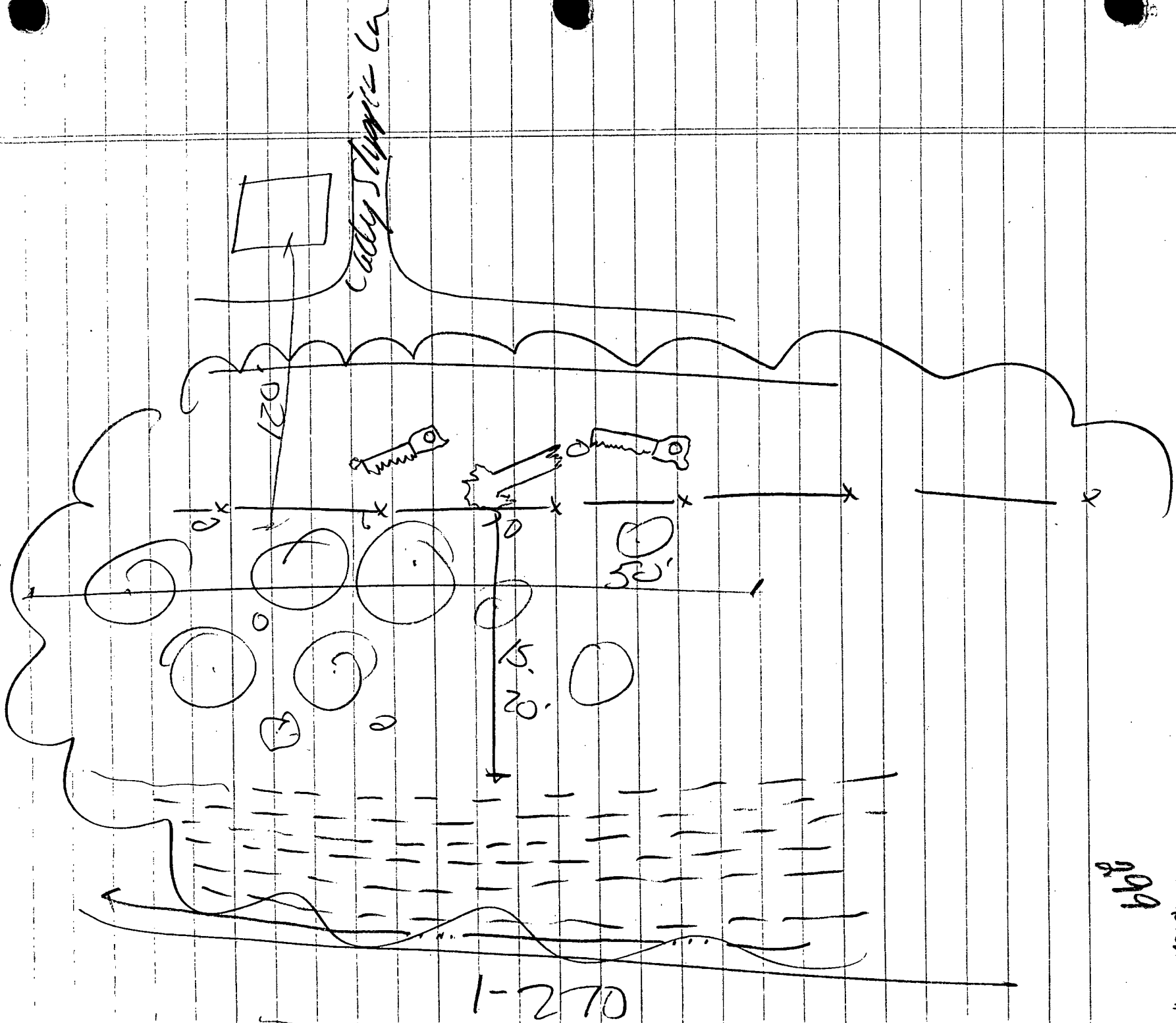
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Re: March 5th 1968

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November 13, 1998

Ms. Alice F. Hill
807 Dartmoor Road
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Dear Ms. Hill:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitments is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening

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June 25, 1998

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Ms. Alice F. Hill
807 Dartmoor Road
Lutherville MD 21093-3920

Dear Ms. Hill:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

We have received letters from a number of people in the community with a variety of questions. At the June 8 public meeting, a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to provide answers to questions raised. We are currently gathering information to respond to your requests. A response will be forwarded to you within the next several weeks.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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May 28, 1998

Mr. Steve Hill
6139 Fieldcrest Drive
Frederick MD 21701

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your recent telephone inquiry requesting information about the State's sound barrier program. A copy of the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide, our noise policy and the Highway Traffic Noise brochure from the Federal Highway Administration are enclosed for your information.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program. If you should need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. James Hade SHA's Team Leader for Noise Abatement, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Philip Troll
Noise Abatement Team

Enclosure

cc: Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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July 22, 1998

Ms. Nancy B. Hill
P.O. Box 601
10216 Falls Road
Brooklandville MD 21022

Dear Ms. Hill:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of your recent letter to Senator Barbara Hoffman regarding a sound barrier for the Rockland community adjacent to I-695. The Senator also contacted me about your concerns and I would like to take this opportunity to respond.

In your letter, you expressed concern about the construction of sound barriers adjacent to I-695, the Baltimore Beltway, between Grasty Road and Falls Road. You were correct that Mr. John Lewis of my office had indicated that the barrier would be extended to protect the Goldstein home. The design for this extension is completed, and construction is expected to begin by September.

The sound barrier to protect the residences that abut the beltway in the Rockland area west of Falls Road has been completed, with the exception of the extension for the Goldstein home. This barrier is designed to protect the existing homes in this area. It does not extend all the way to Falls Road because it was not necessary to take the barrier to Falls Road to protect these homes. It was never the intention of the State Highway Administration (SHA) to construct a barrier all the way to Falls Road, because there are no homes in that area that would experience noise levels above the 66 decibel impact threshold.

Similarly, the Rockland community, which is entered from Old Court Road, will not be impacted above the 66 decibel threshold. For this reason, once the extension to protect the Goldstein home is completed, there will be an area where there will be no barrier between that end and the beginning of the Grasty Road barrier.

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Thank you again for your letter sharing your concerns with me. I hope this has helped to clarify the question. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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Acknowledge letter to Sen Hoffman

June 23, 1998

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The Honorable Barbara Hoffman
State Senator
6615 Reisterstown Road, Suite 301
Baltimore, MD 21215-2603

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Re: Rockland Noise Barrier Update

Dear Senator Hoffman:

Attached you will find a copy of a letter that was faxed to you in January 1998. At that time, I was in touch with Tony Bosworth in your office. I did speak with Mr. John Lewis of the Maryland Department of Transportation Office and he assured me that there had been a mistake and the wall would be extended to include noise barrier protection for the Goldstein property within our community. Our community was pleased with this decision. I communicated this information to Ms. Bosworth and she said to keep your office apprised if there were any changes.

In my travels around the beltway, I noticed that the area between the West Rockland community and the Grasty Road area is not being prepared for a wall, as well as the area from West Rockland to Falls Road. In my communication with your office, the Old Court Rockland community, Old Rockland, and the State Highway Administration, I was under the impression that the wall would extend from Grasty Road to West Rockland and from West Rockland to Falls Road. Your letter of October 1996 stated, "It gives me great pleasure to be able to provide you with the enclosed copy of a letter I recently received from Governor Parris Glendening, notifying me that the Maryland Department of Transportation has been able to approve the request for a noise barrier along I-695, Grasty Road and Falls Road for the Rockland Community."

With the construction of additional highway lanes and the construction of a wall across the beltway adjacent to the Hillstead community, the noise will be funnelled directly to these open areas. The areas affected by the increased noise will be the Brightwood retirement community, Old Rockland, and the gated Rockland community adjacent to Old Court Road and the beltway. The population areas of these communities is substantial. It seems that the Maryland Department of Transportation changed their commitment to these areas when the engineering team took over the project. It would be greatly appreciated if your office could follow up on why these two areas are not being "walled," when they were initially approved for noise barrier construction. Communication seems to have been lost.

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Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

NB Hill

Nancy B. Hill

cc. Bill Saxon, President, Rockland Homeowners Association
Tom Bruggman, President, Rockland Community Association
Lorraine Goldstein, West Rockland Homeowner
Director, Brightwood Retirement Center
Winkler, David L.
Cornett, Jim

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January 30, 1998

The Honorable Barbara Hoffman
State Senator
6615 Reisterstown Road, Suite 301
Baltimore, MD 21215-2603

Re: Rockland Noise Barrier Update

Dear Senator Hoffman:

Recently, a representative from the State Highway Administration met with our neighborhood regarding the noise barrier construction along the Rockland Community site. Mr Fred Eisen from the State Highway Administration indicated that the site design does not include sound barrier construction for an area included in the community. Apparently, an aerial photograph did not pick up housing in an area, therefore, the site design excludes part of the community from being protected by sound barriers. This concerns me and the West Rockland Homeowners Association.

In Governor Parris N. Glendening's October 22, 1996 letter to you, he stated that "The Maryland Department of Transportation has been reviewing the Rockland Community request for noise barriers along I-695, Grasty Road and Falls Road. Happily, the Rockland Community request has been approved. Under the Noise Abatement Policy, the Rockland Community has met the Type I criteria and funding requirements." There seems to be a conflict between what was communicated to our community and what the State Highway Administration is proposing. Last week, I contacted Mr. John Lewis, Jr. of the Maryland Department of Transportation in order to try and gain a better understanding of the situation. I have been unable to establish contact with him.

Our community worked hard with you to gain noise barrier approval. It would be sad to see our efforts lost in communication between the Governor's Office, the Maryland Department of Transportation, and the State Highway Administration engineering design team. Any help you could lend us to keep the ball moving would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your dedication and continued support.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Hill

Nancy B. Hill
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cc **David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation**
Tom Bruggmann, President, Rockland Community Association
Bill Saxon, President, Rockland Homeowners Association
Barry Truax, President, Ruxton/Riderwood/Lake Roland Area Improvement Association
Sarah Lord, President, Falls Road Improvement Association

Noise team copy

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February 3, 1998

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Mr. John Lewis, Jr.
Maryland Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 8755
BWI Airport, MD 21240

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you so much for taking the time to follow through on the concern that I brought to your attention concerning the Rockland Noise Barriers. I am relieved that the oversight of the State Highway Administration's engineering design team will be corrected. From my conversation with you and your conversation with Mr. Charlie Adams of the State Highway Administration, I am pleased that the barrier wall design will be changed and extended to include the area adjacent to the Goldstein residence in the Rockland Community. I will look forward to seeing the revised plans.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. You have been a tremendous help to me and my community in resolving complex highway issues.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Hill

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cc. Senator Barbara Hoffman
✓ Mr. Charlie Adams, SHA
Ms. Lorraine Goldstein
Mr. and Mrs. James Garrett



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November 10, 1998

Ms. Gail Hines
67 Wishing Rock Road
Pasadena MD 21122

Dear Ms. Hines:

This is a follow up to your conversation with Ms. Natalie Hardy, my Special Assistant, regarding a sound barrier for the Wishing Rock community along MD 10. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the status of this community.

Type II, or retrofit sound barriers are considered with the construction of sound barriers for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the majority of the affected homes in the community must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel (dBA) impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for a reasonable cost. If these criteria are met the County in which the community is located must have a local noise control ordinance to address noise impact upon new development. Also, the County must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost, before we will consider funding a project.

According to our records, there are two homes adjacent to MD10 built before the August 1987 approval date of the extension from MD 10 to MD 2. These residences are 65 and 69 Wishing Rock Road. The construction of the final connection to MD 2 was completed in 1991. The date used in this instance is the approval date for the extension. The enclosed noise report indicates a 63 dBA level at 69 Wishing Rock Road. Levels recorded at the other homes in the area were between 54 and 61 dBA. These measurements are below our impact threshold of 66 dBA. Based on this information, this community does not meet the technical criteria for a sound barrier.

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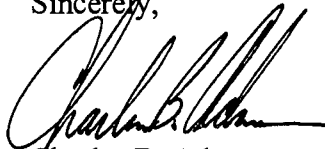
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In reference to the need for a right way fence along MD 10, Mr. Russell K. Yates in our District Office will contact you to discuss the matter in detail. Should you have any questions before he contacts you, he can be reached at 410-766-3770.

Thank you again for your interest. I regret that I can not offer you a more positive response. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, who may be reached at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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February 9, 1998

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Ms. Velma Hofmann
Mr. Erich Hofmann
7509 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Hofmann and Mr. Hofmann:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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January 16, 1998

Ms. Velma Hofmann
Mr. Erich Hofmann
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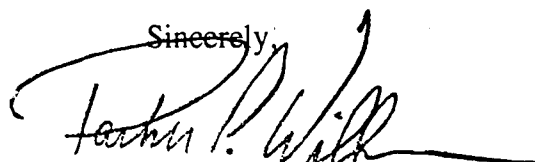
Dear Ms. and Mr. Hofmann:

Thank you for your recent letter to Transportation Secretary Winstead regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Secretary shares your concerns over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of a barrier for your area.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing a comprehensive review of the section of the beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road to determine if the area meets the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our revised noise policy. We expect to have the results of our reanalysis soon and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. A copy of a brochure about our sound barrier policy is enclosed for your information.

Thank you again for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
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Mr. David Winstead
Maryland Department of Transportation
PO Box 8755
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Dear Sir:

SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

We are among the homeowners whose properties are adjacent to the I-495 beltway outer loop between Bradley Boulevard and River Road in Bethesda. We understand from our Delegate Mark Shriver that there will be a decision concerning the funding of new noise barriers within the near future. We strongly urge you to support our plea that our area be included among those designated to receive new barriers.

As emphasized by Delegate Shriver during his recent meeting with you, noise barriers in our area are more urgently needed than ever, because

the section of the beltway abutting our area has recently been expanded to 11 (yes, eleven!) lanes, and

the greatly increased and at times unbearable sound level of the beltway due to sound reflections from the noise barriers erected on the I-495 inner loop, directly across from us.

Our lives have been directly impacted by the increased noise. We have been bypassed several times in the past, and we trust that remedial action will be taken now.

Sincerely.

Velma Hofmann *Erich Hofmann*
Velma and Erich Hofmann

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June 23, 1998

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Mr. Thomas H. Hoke
27 Acorn Drive
Annapolis MD 21401


Dear Mr. Hoke:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening requesting that the funding for sound barriers for the Riverview and Lindamoore communities along US 50 be advanced. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

Now that Anne Arundel County has enacted laws to safeguard future homeowners from high noise levels and has expressed its willingness to provide 20 percent of the cost of barriers, the Riverview and Lindamoore communities meet all of the State's eligibility requirements. Unfortunately, the number of sound barrier needs exceeds our ability to fund them all at once. All of the funds in our current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for Fiscal Years 1998-2003 have been allocated to projects on which prior commitments had been made. We will give full consideration to funding the design and construction of the Riverview and Lindamoore barriers in the next CTP cycle, which begins this Fall.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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June 23, 1998

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Ms. Theresae M. Hollow
134 Riverview Avenue
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Dear Ms. Hollow:

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March 10, 1998

Hollow
Mr. William C. Hallow
134 Riverview Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Hallow:

Thank you for your recent letter, as well as your active support for a sound barrier for your community. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Riverview community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier. While funding for the design and construction of a barrier has not yet been identified, we will be considering funding in future capital program updates. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I appreciate hearing from you. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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Office of District Engineer
State Highway Administration
9300 Kenilworth Avenue
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March 11, 1998

Ms. Darla Howard
Executive Committee
The Compassion Center
4700 Erie St.
College Park, MD 20740



Dear Ms. Howard:

Thank you for your recent FAX addressed to Mr. Kevin Nowak of my staff. Your inquiry focused on the subject of constructing a sidewalk and some form of noise abatement along US 1 in front of the Compassion Center.

As you know, the Compassion Center contacted the State Highway Administration's (SHA) District Office some time ago with a request to construct a sidewalk along a section of the US 1 northbound roadway. After a site visit, it was determined that such a project would require an extensive retaining wall to support the elevated property at 4700 Erie Street. The construction cost of both the retaining wall and sidewalk would most likely exceed \$100,000, exclusive of right-of-way. This cost is far more than what is normally appropriated for individual sidewalk projects. When Mr. Nowak examined the feasibility of this project, it became apparent that additional property would have to be either acquired or donated in order to construct the retaining wall within a State maintained right-of-way. As a method of minimizing overall project costs, Mr. Nowak inquired if the Compassion Center would be willing to donate the necessary property along US 1 to support the needed retaining wall. It is our understanding that a representative of the Compassion Center, subsequently contacted the SHA's Office of Environmental Design in an effort to negotiate a noise abatement improvement for the required right-of-way.

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Ms. Darla Howard
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We have delayed our response to you on this subject because of a recent development that has occurred with respect to a proposed project along US 1. Within the past few days, the SHA Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering conducted a Scoping Meeting for a recently initiated project planning study. The purpose of the meeting was to bring SHA, Prince George's County, Federal Highway Administration and City of College Park representatives together and discuss issues relating to the study. The limits of the proposed project will extend along US 1 from Paint Branch Parkway, in College Park, to Sunny Side Avenue, in Beltsville. A location map is attached for your review.

The purpose of this proposed project, if eventually approved for engineering and construction, is to enhance pedestrian circulation and safety, manage congestion and traffic operations, provide efficient access to and from adjacent local roads and provide a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

The results of this study will likely recommend a typical section that will be used to design detailed improvements along US 1. This typical section would include specific details relating to roadway and median width, sidewalk locations and landscaping improvements. At this time, these specific details are not known and can only be developed through the planning process.

Due to the uncertainty of this study's outcome, the SHA's District 3 Office has determined that it would be inappropriate to construct an expensive sidewalk and retaining wall at this time. The pedestrian and environmental concerns that affect the Compassion Center will be addressed in the project study. I have asked that you be included on the project mailing list. You will receive updated information regarding the status of the planning study.

Ms. Darla Howard
March 11, 1998
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If you wish to discuss the project study please contact Mr. Robert Ritter, Project Manager, at 410-545-8513 or at 1-800-548-5026. Mr. Kevin Nowak may be contacted at (301) 513-7344 or at 1-800-749-0737.

Sincerely,



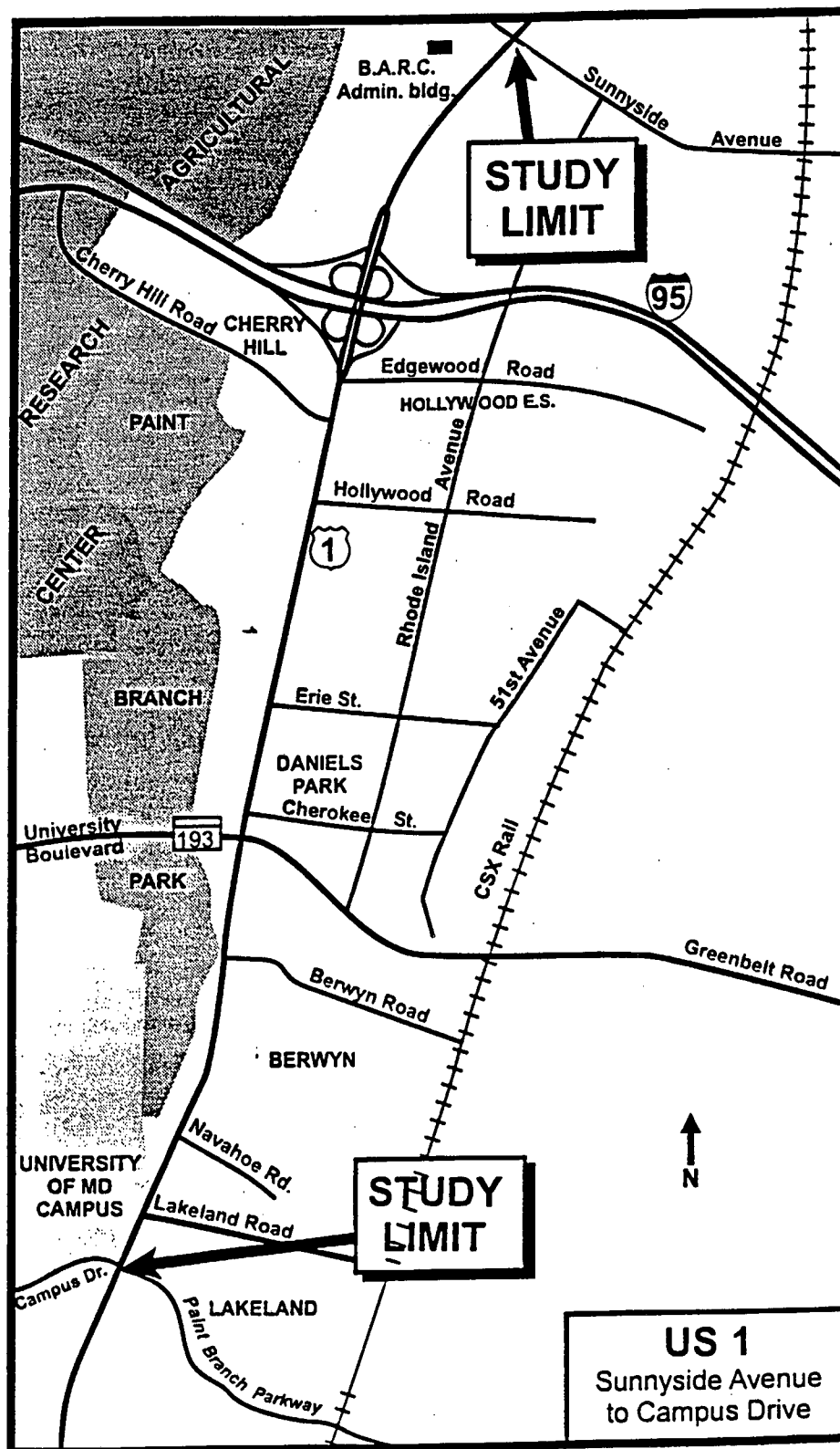
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Attachment

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November 27, 1998

Mr. Edward J. Huber, Jr.
6615 Pheasant Drive
Elkridge MD 21075

Dear Mr. Huber:

This is a follow up to Mr. Charles B. Adams's July 23 letter to you regarding a sound barrier for the Lawyers Hill community. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has completed its review of the Lawyers Hill area to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier.

In order to be eligible for a sound barrier, a community must predate the original highway and experience noise levels of 66 decibels (dBA) or above. In addition, we must be able to build an effective barrier at a cost of \$50,000 or less per protected residence. The Lawyers Hill community meets the date criterion and impact threshold of 66 dBA, but does not meet the cost-per-residence criterion for a State-funded barrier. Before reaching this conclusion, we analyzed a number of sound barrier options and found that all would exceed the \$50,000 limit. As a result, I regret I cannot provide a positive response to your inquiry. A copy of our "Sound Barrier Policy" brochure is enclosed, which explains the criteria needed to qualify for a barrier.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigations. If you need any additional information regarding this community, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
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November 13, 1998

Mr. Edward J. Huber, Jr.
6615 Pheasant Drive
Elkridge MD 21075

Dear Mr. Huber:

This is a follow up to my letter of July 23, 1998, regarding a sound barrier for the Hunt Club Estates community. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has completed its review of the Hunt Club Estates area to determine if it meets the requirements for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the older section of the Hunt Club Estates community meets the technical requirements for a sound barrier. This pertains to those homes, which were built prior to the construction of I-95. Those homes that were built more recently do not qualify for consideration. Howard County will need to agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier costs before we consider the availability of funds for the design and construction of a barrier. Once Howard County indicates its willingness to provide the local match, the schedule for both design and construction will be determined when funds are available in the State's capital budget. I have asked State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress as we work through the funding process.

Thank you for your patience while we conducted our investigation. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

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July 23, 1998

Mr. Edward J. Huber, Jr.
6615 Pheasant Drive
Elkridge MD 21075

Dear Mr. Huber:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding sound barriers along I-95 for the Hunt Club/Lawyers Hill areas of Elkridge. I share your concern about highway noise, and I would like to update you on the status of the evaluation of barriers for this area.

First, I want to let you know that we regret that it has taken us longer than we had anticipated concluding our investigations for the Hunt Club Estates and Lawyers Hill areas. Each of these areas has circumstances that have required more work than we initially thought, to determine if cost-effective sound barriers could be built in each case. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is concluding its analysis to determine whether these areas meet the requirements for a sound barrier. All of this is based upon our revised noise policy, a copy of which is enclosed for your information, together with a brochure developed to provide information on the policy. We expect to have the results of our analysis by the end of September and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results.

Thank you again for your letter. If you need additional information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
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Dear Secretary Winstead,

Re: Noise abatement along I-95 in Elkridge

This letter is a follow up to correspondence between us beginning with my letters to you dated 6/21/97, 9/15/97 and your reply dated 10/14/97. You have also been contacted about this subject by Senator Kasemeyer, and Delegates Malone and Murphy during the same time frame. The history of this problem goes back further of course, to the opening of the highway when Elkridge was a fairly quiet community. The volume of correspondence from numerous residents over the years on this subject is too large to even begin to document, but it has all come to the same conclusion; nothing will be done. I for one had given it up as a lost cause until our conversation at an airport meeting in September of 1996, when you suggested that a revision in the criteria for noise barrier eligibility was being considered.

In your letter of 10/14/97 you said that the Hunt Club / Lawyers Hill area of Elkridge was being evaluated for sound barriers and that a decision was expected in late fall of 97. We are still waiting to hear the results of the latest study.

As publisher of our local newspaper and also Chairman of the Highway Noise Committee of the Elkridge Community Association, I am often asked why Elkridge doesn't have noise walls like so many other areas are getting. In traveling around the state one sees areas less populated than Elkridge that have, or are getting noise protection, the north west side of the beltway for example. I don't have an answer when I'm asked why Elkridge is being ignored. The increase of the speed limit to 65mph has resulted in a corresponding

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increase in the noise level. The noise wall that was built on the west side in the Timberview area some years ago reflects more noise on the unprotected east side of 95. Traffic levels seem to be increasing. All of these factors compound the problem. Help is needed and deserved.

I hope the reason we haven't had a reply is because you are trying to set a date when work will begin. This will be good news indeed for the residents of Elkridge who have waited far too long for some relief from the ever increasing noise levels coming from Interstate 95 in our area

We are patiently waiting for the good news from you.

Yours truly,



E. J. Huber, Jr.

cc: Senator Edward Kazemeyer
Delegate James Malone
Delegate Donald Murphy

Ed Malone
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Dear Secretary Winstead,

It has been nearly three months since I mailed the attached letter and I have had no acknowledgement that you received it. In the event the original did not reach you I am writing again.

As publisher of our local newspaper, the VIADUCT, and having been active in local affairs for some time, people often ask questions of me about what is being planned for the Elkridge area. Having read about and seen some of the noise barriers being erected around the state, several residents have questioned me about the possibility of some noise relief along our section of I-95.

I note that both Delegates Malone and Murphy have written in response to my June 21 letter and ask if you have any plans to address our concerns in this matter. A reply would be appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

E. J. Huber Jr.
Edward J. Huber, Jr.

Mr. Edward J. Huber, Jr.
6615 Pheasant Drive
Elkridge MD 21075

Dear Mr. Huber:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise abatement along I-95. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the residents in the Hunt Club Estates and Lawyer's Hill communities in Howard County, and I apologize for not having responded to you earlier.

These communities were not previously eligible for a barrier because one could not have been built for a reasonable cost as defined in our prior noise policy. Since then the policy, including the cost criterion, has been revised. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is currently evaluating a number of communities to determine whether they are now eligible for sound barriers. Hunt Club Estates and Lawyer's Hill are among the communities being evaluated. We anticipate this work will be completed later this Fall, and a representative from SHA will contact you once the results are available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

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June 21, 1997

David L. Winstead
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Dear Secretary Winstead,

At a meeting of the Maryland Aviation Commission last September, members of the BWI Neighbors Committee were asked to report on the activities of that Committee. As the representative of Elkridge in Howard County I spoke of the successful relationship we have established with the MAA and of how cooperative Ted Mathison and his organization have been in trying to resolve problems that have occurred over time. During discussions later in the meeting I mentioned the fact that I had not experienced similar success in dealing with the State Highway Administration concerning excessive noise from I-95 in the Elkridge area. You responded that you would be glad to look into the matter since the Glendening Administration was committed to resolving noise problems of this type.

Various other commitments have prevented me from corresponding with you and following through on this matter until now. I notice that the June 17th issue of the Howard Sun contained an article about funding for noise barriers in the state including one along I-95 in the Arbutus area. The article states that the value used as an average cost per home in determining the feasibility of constructing a noise barrier has been increased.

The area from the south Tunnel Thruway (895) & I-95 connection on the east side of I-95, south to just north of route 100, has been monitored for noise several times in the past and has always been found to be above the allowable noise limit. This is the Elkridge area containing the neighborhoods of Hunt Club Estates and Lawyer's Hill. This area was developed before the road was built and according to County zoning density regulations, but we have always been told that we did not qualify because of noise. A noise wall was built in the

Timberview community on the west side of 95 a few years ago. This has had the effect of reflecting more noise toward the Hunt Club area. In addition, increased speed and traffic volumes have made a bad situation even worse. We had hoped for some relief when we found out that part of 95 was to be blacktopped some time ago, but were informed that this area was not scheduled in the foreseeable future.

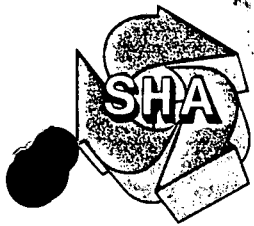
I know that there are many demands on highway funds and that priorities must be set, but we have been patient since the road opened in the early 70's and the problem has intensified. There should still be records of tests made in this area over the years and of correspondence from SHA officials and various residents. I will appreciate your reviewing these files and informing me if there is any possibility of securing some measure of relief from the ever present highway noise in what is in other respects a very pleasant place to live.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours Truly,

E. J. Huber, Jr.
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cc: Senator Edward Kasemeyer
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Maryland Department of Transportation
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October 23, 1998

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Mr. James Timothy Huffman
11601 Hoffman Hollow Road
Frostburg MD 21532

Dear Mr. Huffman:

Thank you for your letter regarding a sound barrier for your home adjacent to I-68 in Frostburg. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on your request.

As you discussed with Mr. Fred Eisen of our Noise Abatement Team, our consultant, Mr. Mike Kelly will contact you to schedule a time to take measurements. A 24 hour measurement will be taken at your home. Additional short term measurements, in 15 minute intervals, will be performed at several locations along Hoffman Hollow Road to determine the extent of the potential noise impact at the homes in the area.

In order for a sound barrier to be considered we must first determine if noise levels are at 66 decibels or above. If this is the case, we will perform a noise barrier study to determine if a cost-effective barrier could be built. We expect that the noise measurements will be completed by the end of the month, weather permitting. In order to obtain valid noise measurements, the wind speed must be less than 10 mph and no precipitation predicted for a 24 hour period. Once the monitoring results have been tabulated, we will forward them to you. This should be within a month after the measurement work has been completed.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. A copy of our Sound Barrier Policy is enclosed for your information. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Eisen at 410-545-8598 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

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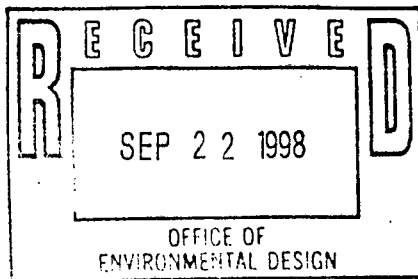
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JAMES TIMOTHY HUFFMAN
11601 HOFFMAN HOLLOW ROAD
FROSTBURG, MD 21532
Ph. (301) 689-1536

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SEP 15, 1998

TO: MR. CHARLES B. ADAMS
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN
707 N. CALVERT STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Adams,

I would like to begin dialogue with you concerning the construction of a noise barrier between my house in Frostburg and interstate route 68. My house is situated approximately 100 yards (maybe less) from this main thoroughfare. My house is over 100 years old and the interstate is relatively new. Traffic has increased significantly each year over the past five years and has become unbearable. I-68 is a major artery to locations East and West and handles a large volume of traffic. Other factors that intensify the noise are as follows:

1) This segment of I-68 is located on a very long and steep mountain slope. Large trucks travelling East very frequently employ the tactic of "J-BRAKING", downshifting to a lower gear allowing the motor to help slow the vehicle, thus saving the brakes. This makes the motor's speed (RPM) increase and also induces backfire. 2) On the opposite side of the road is a large, broad-faced hill which actually serves to reflect the sound waves toward my house. 3) The popularity of motorcycle groups in the area brings a traditional weekend barage of Harley Davidson groups and high revving "Ninja" type bikes. 4) Of course there is always the constant drone of cars.

My kitchen faces the highway. During dinner, it is very common for us to have to raise our voices to a level of almost a shout. We are constantly asking our family members to repeat what they said.

There are approximately 14 houses in my neighborhood that are affected by this condition, however, my house and two others are closest to the road.

Please investigate and communicate your findings to me.

Sincerely,

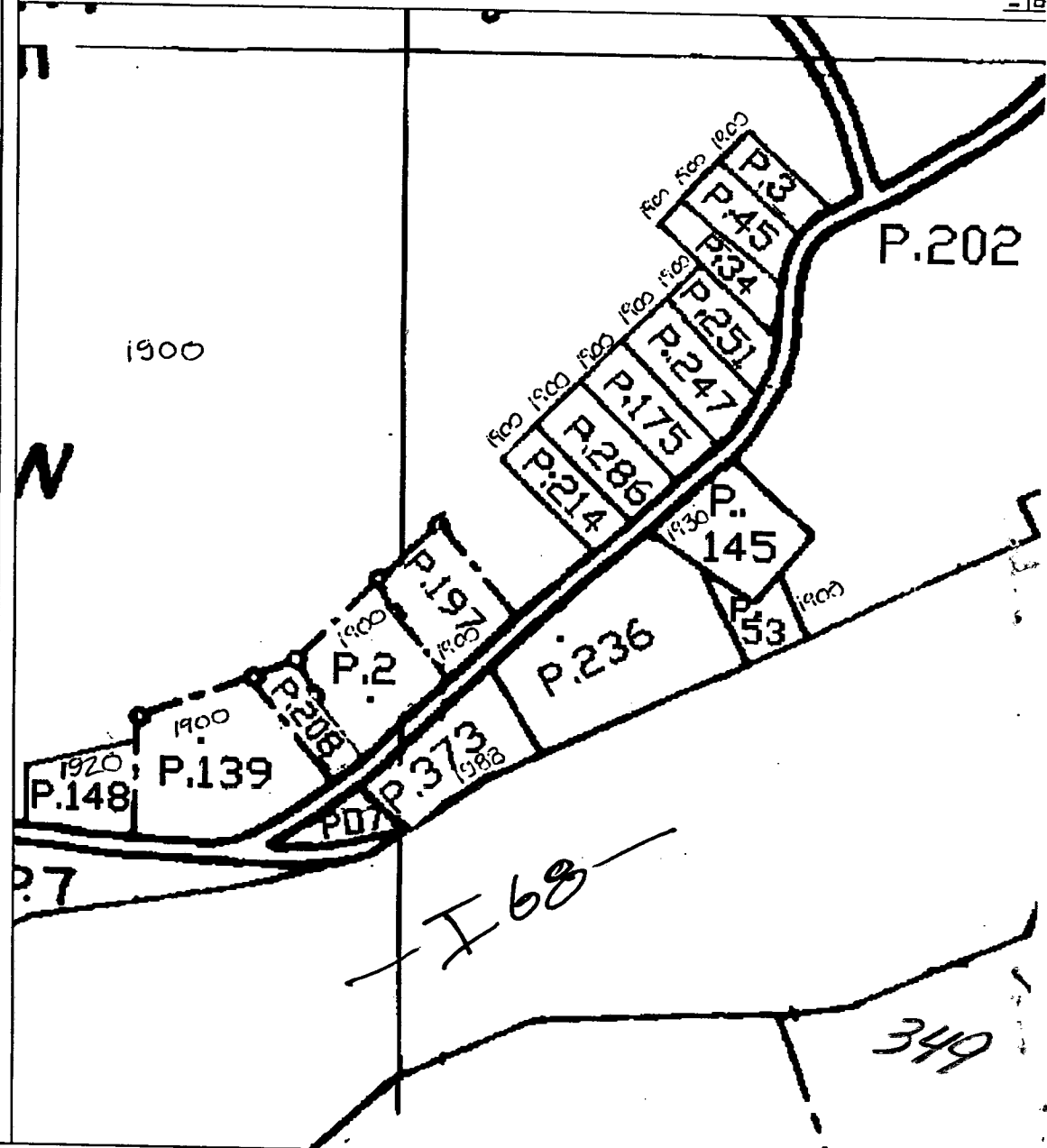
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Maryland Department of Transportation
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December 14, 1998

Parris N. Glendening
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 Secretary

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 Administrator

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Ms. Barbara Hutchinson
 Director, Outdoor Nursery School
 8922 Spring Valley Road
 Chevy Chase MD 20815

Dear Ms. Hutchinson:

This letter is a follow-up to your inquiry regarding the highway noise along I-495 in Montgomery County near the Outdoor Nursery School. I appreciate this opportunity to explain how our Sound Barrier Program applies to your school's location.

Type II, or retrofit, sound barriers are considered for communities that predate the original highway. The intent of this program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. The following technical criteria must be met for a barrier to be approved: the community must predate the highway, existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66 decibel impact threshold, and an effective barrier must be able to be built for a reasonable cost. If these criteria are met, the County in which the community is located must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

We are currently evaluating the eligibility of your area for a sound barrier. This analysis should be completed by the end of February 1999. I look forward to sharing the results with you then. Enclosed for your use is a copy of the State's Sound Barrier Policy.

Thank you again for your interest. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
 Director
 Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Leon G. Billings, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
 The Honorable Sharon M. Grosfeld, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
 The Honorable John Adams Hurson, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
 The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., Member, Senate of Maryland
 Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is _____

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech
 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free

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Ms. Barbara Hutchinson
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bcc: Ms. Leslie A. Frelow, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services, Maryland
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Mr. Ted Severe, Correspondence Assistant, Highway Administrator
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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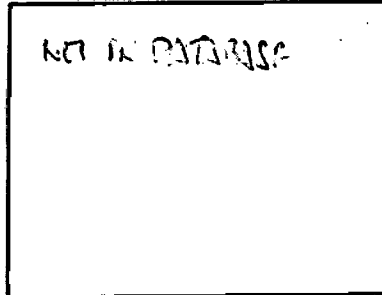
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Parris N. Glendening
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August 6, 1998



Ms. Nancy V. Ihrer
9667 Fleetwood Court
Frederick MD 21701

Dear Ms. Ihrer:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting that sound barriers be erected for the Spring Ridge community along I-70 in Frederick County. I appreciate your interest in this issue.

We have reviewed your request to determine if the Spring Ridge area is eligible for consideration under our Type II, or retrofit program. This program involves the construction of sound barriers for communities along fully controlled access highways such as I-70 where no expansion of the highway is planned. The intent of this program is to address those communities built before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. The basic criterion that must be met in order for us to further consider a barrier is the community must predate the original highway. Our records indicate that the Spring Ridge community was built after I-70, therefore, we cannot consider a sound barrier. Enclosed for your information is a copy of our Sound Barrier Policy and Community Resource Guide.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. James Hade, Team Leader for the Noise Abatement Team at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable John W. Derr, Member, Senate of Maryland
The Honorable Sue Hecht, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Louise V. Snodgrass, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable J. Anita Stup, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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Nancy V. Ihler
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Frederick, MD 21701
301 631-0538

Noise Team
Prepare reply
for my signature
by 8/11.

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July 2, 1998

Mr. Charles B. Adams
Director of the Office of
Environmental Design
State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: SPRING RIDGE COMMUNITY
Rte. 144, East Patrick Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Adams:

The residents of Spring Ridge are requesting that sound barriers be erected beside the sections of Interstate 70 East and West that divide our community. The traffic noise has become a constant roar and becomes worse every day.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy V. Ihler

District 3 — Frederick and Washington Counties

Senator Min. Whip

Delegate



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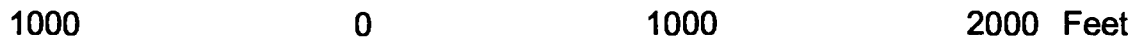
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Donald B. Elliott (R)
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The Maryland State Highway Administration

BA	I 695	NB	Johnnycake Rd. to 1,200' N. of Johnnycake Rd.	..Craigmont Rd...	47B	fail date criterion, no subsequent improvements	N	\$583,200
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HO	MD 32	SB	Linden Church Rd. to Chamblis Dr.	Eagle Point Landing	14B	fail date criterion, no subsequent improvements		\$1,215,000

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The Secretary's Office

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Secretary

John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

February 9, 1998

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Ms. Sabina Jacobson
Mr. Robert Jacobson
7505 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Jacobson and Mr. Jacobson:

This letter is sent to update you on your request for a sound barrier for the Burning Tree Estates area along I-495 between Bradley Boulevard and River Road. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for noise abatement.

You will be pleased to know we have determined that the Burning Tree community does meet the requirements for a sound barrier. Although funding for design and construction has not yet been identified, we are looking at the funding needs for this barrier and will keep you informed of our progress.

Several construction feasibility issues also need to be resolved. In one location, the homes are approximately 50 feet above the Beltway, and it is questionable whether they can be protected. A stream runs parallel to the Beltway along another portion of the area, and there are associated floodplain issues that will need to be addressed. Further engineering is required to resolve these technical issues, and I have asked State Highway Administration (SHA) staff to provide you with the results once a determination has been made.

Thank you again for your interest in the State's sound barrier program and your support for a barrier for the Burning Tree community. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is (410)- 865-1000

Toll Free Number 1-888-713-1414 TTY For the Deaf: (410) 865-1342

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State
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David L. Winstead
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Deputy Secretary

January 15, 1998

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Ms. Sabina Jacobson
Mr. Robert Jacobson
7505 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. and Mr. Jacobson:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening and me regarding noise abatement along I-495. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the residents of the Burning Tree Estates community in Montgomery County.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is in the final stages of a comprehensive statewide review of communities affected by highway noise. The review is intended to determine those communities that qualify for sound barriers based upon the State's revised noise policy. Your community is included in this review. As soon as these analyses have been completed, an SHA representative will contact you with the results. The review is taking longer than hoped, but should be completed soon. Enclosed is a brochure that describes the noise policy.

Thank you again for your letters. We appreciate hearing from you, and on behalf of the Governor, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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January 2, 1998

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Mr. David Winstead, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Mr. Winstead:

We are among the homeowners whose properties abut the I-495 beltway outer loop between Bradley Boulevard and River Road in Bethesda. It is our understanding from our Delegate Mark Shriver that Governor Glendening intends to make a decision concerning the funding of new noise barriers within ten working days. We strongly urge you to see to it that our area is included among those designated to receive new barriers.

As emphasized by our Delegate Mark Shriver during his recent meeting with you, strong reasons for noise barrier construction in our area arise from:

- The recent expansion to 11 lanes (made necessary by the ever-increasing beltway traffic flow) of the segment of I-495 adjacent to our neighborhood which accompanied the addition of the new HOV lanes in the nearby I-270 spur, and
- The greatly increased and unbearable sound level of the beltway traffic due to sound reflections from the noise barriers which were added on the I-495 inner loop, directly across from us.

Our lives have been severely impacted by the increased noise-- we have been bypassed several times in the past, and now is the time when this area is among those whose need is most urgent.

Sincerely,

Sabina Jacobson
Robert Jacobson
Sabina and Robert Jacobson
7505 Shadywood Road
Bethesda, MD 20817
(301)469-6212

From: Philip Troll
To: SHAADM.DAustin, IHeline, SBlankenship
Date: January 8, 1998 (Thursday) 10:19am
Subject: QUESTIONS: #7746 -- #7768 -- #10030

Hello folks -- Got some questions about some recent correspondence...

#7746 due 1/9/98 was already responded to under #7717 on 12/20/97
Kill it or what?

~~#7768 due 1/9/98 was already responded to under #9928 on 12/21/97~~
Kill it, repeat it or what?

#10030 due 1/6/98 was just received here 1/8/97 -- Obviously we won't be meeting that due date -- After I finish sending this I'll start work on a response, but... Ideas? Opinions?

CC: TEAM

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



April 3, 1998

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Ms. Barbara Johnson
7500 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

PARRIS N. GLENDENING
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SUITE 311
444 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001
(202) 638-2215

TDD (410) 333-3098

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for your recent letter, as well as your active support for a sound barrier for your community. I appreciate your patience while we considered this community's request for a sound barrier.

It is my pleasure to inform you the Burning Tree Estates community does meet the eligibility requirements for a sound barrier and I have approved funding for its design and construction. The State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin design of this barrier soon. Funding for the construction of a barrier in the Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) becomes available beginning in Fiscal Year 2001, which starts on July 1, 2000. Although funds in the earlier years of the CTP are allocated to other projects for which prior commitments had been made, we are committed to look for opportunities to advance funding for construction of this barrier once the design is completed. I have directed State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams to have his staff keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. I appreciate hearing from you. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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February 23, 1998

Ms. Barbara R. Johnson
7500 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the status of a sound barrier for your community.

Thank you for your willingness to assist us in the engineering challenges of constructing a sound barrier on difficult terrain. When we move to begin the design of a wall for your area we will contact you with information on our design. If Right-of Way is needed, we thank you in advance for your intent to help us.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in the State's sound barrier program. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, the State Highway Administration's Team Leader for Noise Abatement, who may be reached at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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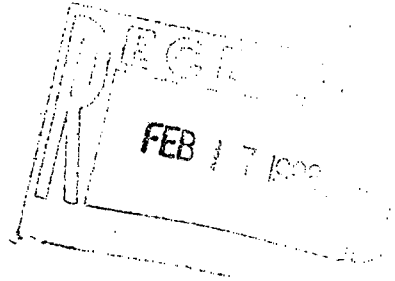
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February 9, 1998

Mr. Charles Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
707 N. Calvert St.
Baltimore, MD 21202

Reference: Burning Tree Estates/Task Force on Sound Barriers

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is to let you know that we, the undersigned, are willing to donate to Montgomery County a portion of our property along the Beltway/I-270 spur in the interest of having sound barriers constructed. In this regard, we urgently request your support in helping us to obtain relief from the incessant and ever-increasing roar of traffic that has been destroying our peace of mind for so many years.

We thank you for your attention and any assistance you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,

Name

Barbara R. Johnson

Address

7500 Shadgewood Rd.
Bethesda, Md. 20817



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Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
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**Maryland Department of Transportation
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January 16, 1998

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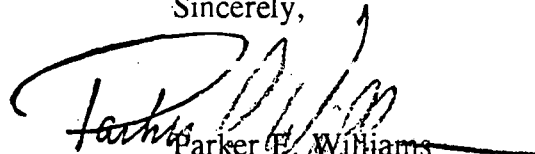
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Thank you for your recent letters to Governor Glendening and Transportation Secretary Winstead regarding a sound barrier along I-495 for the Burning Tree Estates area. The Governor and Secretary share your concerns over highway noise and asked me to update you on the status of a barrier for your area.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing a comprehensive review of the section of the beltway between Bradley Boulevard and River Road to determine if the area meets the requirements for a sound barrier based upon our revised noise policy. We expect to have the results of our reanalysis soon and, once a determination has been made, we will contact you with the results. A copy of a brochure about our sound barrier policy is enclosed for your information.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor and Secretary appreciate hearing from you and, on behalf of each of them, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

My telephone number is 410-545-0400

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Mr. David Winstead
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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

7500 Shadywood

Dear Mr. Winstead,

As one of the homeowners whose property abuts the I-495 beltway outer loop between Bradley Boulevard and River Road, I want to strong urge that you ensure that our area is included among those designated to receive new barriers. I understand from Delegate Mark Shriver that there will be a decision soon. It would be most distressing for all of us to be once again overlooked.

Given the recent expansion of both the beltway and I-270 in our immediate vicinity, as well as the reverberations from the barriers erected directly across from us, the noise level has increased to the point that sitting on my deck is no longer a pleasure. And now the sound is even infiltrating my bedroom. Years ago, I rarely heard roadway sounds inside my home. That is no longer the case.

Our need is urgent. I hope you'll support us.

Sincerely,

Barbara Johnson
Barbara Johnson



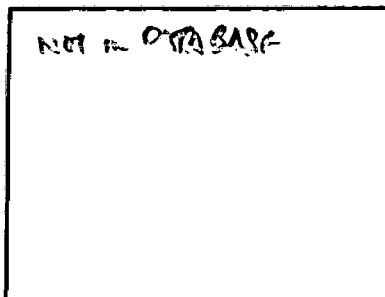
**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening
Governor

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Ms. Judy Johnson
7834 Hillsway Avenue
Baltimore MD 21234



Dear Ms. Johnson:

This letter is written in response to your recent letter about the use of State funds for sound barriers. Thank you for taking the time to bring your concerns to our attention. I would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief overview of the State's sound barrier program.

First, while the safety on Maryland's roads is our foremost concern we also recognize that the quality of life enjoyed by residents adjacent to our highways can be adversely impacted by high noise levels. When sound barriers are built to address this problem, the community enjoys an immediate improvement. For this reason, we consider sound barriers to be a beneficial component of our highway system.

Sound barriers are considered under two circumstances. The first is when we plan the expansion of existing highways or consider the construction of new highways. We determine whether the proposed improvements will adversely impact those communities that exist when the work is planned. The second circumstance involves the construction of sound barriers for communities that were developed before the initial construction of highways like the Baltimore Beltway. In these instances, homeowners had no idea that a highway would be built next to their communities. In fact, these highways were planned and built before most of the environmental protection requirements that are in place today were developed. All of these serve to protect our natural and social resources.

Our sound barrier program emphasizes protecting those communities which were there first and not every community next to a major highway qualifies for a barrier. We are working with local government to have requirements in place that address highway noise when new residential development is proposed. The goal is to try and ensure that new homeowners are not exposed to high noise levels and the need for continued sound barrier construction by the State should decrease over time. I hope that, while you may not agree with the construction of sound barriers you can see that we have given considerable thought to a broader long term solution to the highway noise issue.

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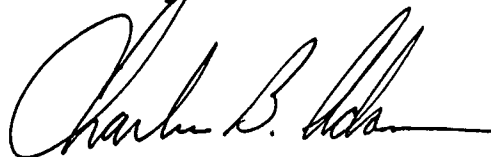
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Again thank you for your interest. If you should have any other questions or you would like additional information regarding the State's sound barrier program, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles B. Adams".

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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Balto, Md. 21234

April 8, 1998

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To whom it may concern ;

I'm sorry to have to bother you but I have the need to know.

I need to know why all this money is spent on these sound barrier walls on the interstate. I am sorry but I think that money could be spent in a whole lot of better places than on a concrete wall at that. The sound walls that are being put in place just enclose the sound. I would have thought you would want a wall that would absorb the sound.

Anyway !!!!! I still need to know why that money was spent on the sound barriers. The people who live behind the wall knew that the highway was there. So why does that money go for their quietness instead of safety on the roads. Just like the people who live by the airport, when they bought the house they should have known the planes would be overhead.

Who do I need to get in contact with on who determines where the money goes that needs to be spent. There certainly are better places for it. I guess I need some one to explain to me how this " Political " stuff works. I really get upset when I see all the wall construction on the beltway.

Hope to hear from someone, at least have someone let me know in which direction I'm to go in from here. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Judy Johnson

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



October 28, 1998

PARRIS N. GLENDENING
GOVERNOR

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Mrs. Unabyrd Jones
4 Hayden Court
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Since the mid-1980s, you and other members of the Longford North community have been requesting that a sound barrier be built along southbound I-83 to provide relief from traffic noise. Although Longford North was not technically eligible for the State's retrofit sound barrier program, I recently learned that on two separate occasions your community received written notification from previous administrations that this sound wall would be built.

Construction of sound barriers is important to maintaining the quality of life in our established communities. My Administration has continually focused on projects that improve the quality of life for our citizens, and it is time to do what is right and deliver on this previous commitment. That is why I have directed the Maryland Department of Transportation to work with Baltimore County to determine a funding and construction schedule for this project. In conformity with existing statewide regulations, the County will need to adopt a local noise ordinance and will be required to pay 20 percent of the estimated \$1.5 million cost to install the barrier.

You and your neighbors in Longford North are to be commended for your persistence in pursuing this project. Keeping the earlier commitment is long overdue, and I am pleased that this barrier can now become a reality.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Michael J. Finifter, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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Secretary

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Deputy Secretary

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June 25, 1998

Ms. Unabyrd Jones
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Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

A number of people in the community have written letters with a variety of questions. At the June 8 public meeting, a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to provide answers to questions raised. We are currently gathering information to respond to these requests. A response will be forwarded to you within the next several weeks.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: The Honorable F. Vernon Boozer, Member, Senate of Maryland
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The Honorable Martha S. Klima, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 06/11/98 /cdj SERIAL#: 11496

DATE: 06/12/98

TO: WILLIAMS

FROM: JONES, UNABYRD 06/09/98

RE: LONGFORD NORTH COMMUNITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

RESPOND BY: 06/18/98

- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as GS)
- ☐ REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY
- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

FOR USE BY RESPONSIBLE UNIT

ASSIGNED TO: Charles Adams DATE: 6-10-98
TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 6-16-98
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: P. Hall 410-345 8600 Jun 15 98
(Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY: [Signature]

PROOFREAD BY: CDG

ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

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Date: _____

Written follow-up will be prepared by: _____

TO SHERRY VARNER © MDOT (MS-255)

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Mr. Mark Jones
Mrs. Unabyrd Jones
4 Hayden Court
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jones:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding a sound barrier for the Longford North community adjacent to I-83. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

We have received letters from a number of people in the community with a variety of questions. At the June 8 public meeting, a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to provide answers to questions raised. We are currently gathering information to respond to these requests. A response will be forwarded to you by the end of June.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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Secretary

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Mark and Unabyrd Jones
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June 9, 1998

Please Prepare Response For Secretary's
Signature

acknowledge governor's receipt of letter

Governor Parris Glendening
Governor of Maryland
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Mr. David Winstead
Secretary
Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 8755
Baltimore Washington Int'l Airport, MD 21240

Subject: Longford North Community, Baltimore County, Maryland

Dear Governor Glendening:

The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to a longstanding issue in the Longford North Community in Baltimore County. Many years ago, the Department of Transportation promised to erect a sound barrier along Interstate 83 surrounding the Longford North Community. This promise was made in writing. Many years later, the DOT rescinded this promise and continues to stand on this decision based on new legislation.

On June 8, several staff of the DOT (James Hade and Natalie Hardy) attended a community meeting. The community requested the presence of Charles Adams but he did not attend the meeting. The DOT staff attending the meeting are not policy makers and can not effect change. The DOT continues to state that the Longford North community does not qualify for sound barriers. We beg to differ. We believe the DOT has made a error. We believe we qualify as a Type I community in that major renovations to Interstate 83 and 695 have greatly increased the noise level in the community.

The Pinewood Elementary School, also located in this area, has complained that the noise level from Interstate 83 interferes and disrupts the learning environment. The DOT has refused to revisit this issue and refused to forward the sound barrier request to the federal level.

Residents of this community have been very patient for many years and ask that you intervene in this situation. Sound barriers have been erected in most other communities along

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Correspondence

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